

Southeast Florida Utility Council

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DATE: March 13, 2009
TO: Members of the Southeast Florida Utility Council
FROM: Lisa M. Wilson-Davis, Secretary
SUBJECT: **Meeting Minutes from Monday, March 9, 2009**
1:30 – 2:40 PM
Broward County Water & Wastewater Services
Building 2 – Operations Training Room
2555 West Copans Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

Meeting Minutes

1. Administration:

- a. Welcome, Call to Order at 1:36pm, Introductions (Julie Leonard, Fort Lauderdale)
- b. Review / Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2009 – Motion to approve by Brian Shields, seconded by Randy Brown – minutes approved. February 9, 2009 – Motion to approve by Randy Brown, seconded by Tom Miller – minutes approved.
- c. Treasurer's Report (Brian Shields, PBCWU) – Current balance: \$46,916.12 – report will be sent out with minutes.

2. Presentation:

"Peeling an Onion, One Falsehood at a Time"

Reviewing a media relations campaign promoting deep well injection

Presented by: Matt Bokor, communications consultant for Youngquist Brothers, Inc.

3. Presentation:

"Current groundwater conditions and monitoring in the LEC"

Presented by: Peter Kwiatkowski, SFWMD

Utilities of Concern and Utilities of Risk were discussed – requesting monitoring well data (water levels and chloride concentrations) from these utilities by March 20, 2009.

- Requesting stronger enforcement of irrigation restrictions
- May require increased monitoring.

4. Updates:

Brian Shields:

- a. DEP Cross Connection control rulemaking – comments to DEP were due March 4, 2009. DEP is expecting to present proposed rule to ERC in May and passage of rule in June 2009. DEP received feedback to slow process down, continue stakeholder meetings. Issues with current draft rule:
 - Number of service system inspections required by 2016
 - Training and inspection certifications
 - Replacement of devices
 - Location of private wells and canal use for irrigation
 - Extensive bookkeeping/administrative requirements

Lisa Wilson-Davis:

- a. Legislative Update
 - i. DEP Proposed Water Rule – conference call on Water Conservation portion w/DEP scheduled on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:00am. Details provided on Upcoming Events sheet.

- ii. Proposed Rule sent out with agenda
- b. FWEAUC / DEP Reuse Stakeholder group
 - i. Presentation summary sent out electronically with agenda
 - ii. Additional SE Florida representation in workgroup.
- c. EPA Nutrient Criteria – No new update on the DEPs efforts regarding the development of Nutrient Criteria, however, many of the criteria that were being developed (including unionized ammonia) have been but on hold. Triennial Review
- d. DEP Source Water Assessments: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/>
 - i. Conducted in 2008 – update CCR language

5. Standing Sub-Committee(s) Reports:

- a. Hurricane (Brian Shields) – Speaker at May meeting to discuss emergency preparedness.
- b. Bird Rule (Miguel Arroyo, COFL) – DEP is focusing on Ground Water Rule.
- c. Bylaws Review (Julie Leonard, COFL)

6. SEFLUC Officers

- a. Hector Castro commented on the increased attendance of SEFLUC meetings and the coming together of utilities to address issues that impact our operations and the need to work closely with the DEP and District.
- b. Nomination of new officers
 - i. Chair: Randy Brown
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Lisa Wilson-Davis
 - iii. Secretary: Joel Wasserman
 - iv. Treasurer: Bill Brandt

Nominations were opened to floor. Motion to approve nominees was carried unanimously and will become effective at the next meeting.

7. 2009 Schedule

- a. Utility Presenters – Randy Brown discussed utility presentations at each meeting to talk about their facilities, sign-up with Randy.
- b. Presentations – April: Dept. of Homeland Security, Infrastructure emphasis.

8. New Business/Upcoming Events

- a. Upcoming events sent out electronically with draft agenda and with minutes.
 - WMD SIP Grant kick-off meeting the Friday, March 13th.
- b. SEFLUC letter of support for Broward College's pursuit to become an Employ Florida Banner Center for Water Resources.

9. Adjourn – regular meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

10. Utility Only Discussion (will be held each month as needed):

Hector Castro and Ed de la Parte:

- i. Revised SFWMD Mandatory Year-Round Irrigation Conservation Measures
 - 1. Preparation for Governing Board Hearing on March 12th
 - 2. Discussion of legal options

Note: There were 51 attendees; sign-in sheets are on file.

Submitted:


Lisa Wilson-Davis
 Secretary

Date: 5/11/09

Approved:


Hector Castro
 Chair

Date: 5/11/2009

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