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**FWEAUC Meeting Minutes
 Joint Meeting with Southeast Florida Utility Council
 December 10, 2018
 City of Boca Raton, Florida**

Board Members in Attendance Include:

Paul Steinbrecher	President
Rick Hutton	Vice President
Lisa Wilson-Davis	Past President
Donald Palmer*	Treasurer
Sondra Lee	Director at Large
Kevin Carter	Director at Large
Jo Ann Jackson	Director at Large
Chuck Weber*	Director at Large
Todd Swingle	Director at Large

UC Staff in Attendance Include:

David Childs	Legal Counsel
Adam Blalock*	Legal Counsel
Eric Olsen*	Legal Counsel
Katie Ibarra	Administrator

**Via Telephone*

Members in Attendance Include:

Chris Pettit	Palm Beach County	Terri Lowery	Jones Edmunds
Tara Lamoureux	City of Casselberry	Carol Hinton	UF TREEO
Lauren Burack	City of Boca Raton	Anne Murray	Martin County
Randy Brown	Pompano Beach	Shana Combs	Pompano Beach
François Domond	City of Hollywood	Carol Miller	
Steve Fowler	Holtz Consulting	Todd Gerard	
Matt Hammond	Palm Springs	Chris Barlow	Arcadis
Fernando Navarette	AECOM	Rick Nipper	Toho Water Authority
Joe Paternity	Boynton Beach Utilities	Kassandra Myers	City of Hollywood
Karen Brandon	AECOM	Rupert McCormack	City of Plantation
Isabel Botero	Black & Veatch	Charles Moseley	Black & Veatch
Ron Nunes	Parkland Utilities	Marjorie Craig	City of Delray Beach
Timothy Brown	West Palm Beach	Sherry Negahben	Miami-Dade WASD
Brian Shields	Lake Worth	Steve Urich	City of Plantation
Sangeeta Dhulosa	Stantec	Suzanne Melcher	CDM Smith
Coy Mathis	City of Hollywood	Pat Corleto	Stantec
Sheri Hemerling	Parkland Utilities	Brad Wolak	Village of Wellington
Kara Mills	City of Boca Raton	Bill Lynch	Jones Edmunds
Chad Girard	Village of Palm Springs	Glen Superville	City of Hollywood
Mark Darmanin	Broward County	Shannon LaRocque	Wellington
Mike Bailey	Cooper City	Phil Hyer	City of Palm Beach
Ricardo Viero	Black & Veatch	Jose Lopez	
Scott Kelly	City of West Palm Beach	Tyler Davis	Globaltech

Loc Tran	City of West Palm Beach	Ivan Lopez	City of West Palm Beach
Izzy Sepalvedai	Cooper City	Wendy Rausseau	City of Boca Raton
Joel Pollard	Cooper City	Joe Wilber	Cooper City
William Rodriguez	Cooper City		

Members in Attendance via Teleconference Include:

Jeremy Johnston		Jan McLean	City of Tampa
Mark J. Sunyak	Lee County	Monica Autrey	Destin Water Users
Brian Wheeler		Mike Hudkins	Orange County Utilities

I. Call To Order

Paul Steinbrecher called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. Roll Call & Introductions

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hutton presented the October 4, 2018 meeting minutes for approval. **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 4, 2018 MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY LISA WILSON-DAVIS AND SECONDED BY TODD SWINGLE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION APPROVED.**

Chris Pettit presenting the SEFLUC October 8, 2018 Meeting minutes – minutes were approved.

IV. Budget & Dues

FWEAUC: Don Palmer reported the FWEA Utility Council has received updated information from the bookkeeper. There is currently a balance of \$425,000 in the general fund. Invoices for FY 2018-2019 have been sent to members for payment.

SEFLUC: Lauren Burack report SEFLUC had a current balance of ~\$80,000.00.

V. FWRC Legislative Session Discussion

A discussion ensued regarding whether or not to host another legislative session at the Florida Water Resource Conference this year. It was agreed that the session is beneficial for members and outreach and the Utility Council will conduct the session again this year. A distribution list will be created to prepare for the session.

VI. Regulatory and Legislative Discussion

Amendment 1 Litigation

Adam Blalock provided an update on the Amendment 1 litigation. An amicus brief has developed and included in the agenda for your review and comment. The Florida House and Senate have filed an appeal of the order. At this time, the State has not yet filed its brief. The final draft of the brief will be sent to the Board for approval prior to the filing deadline. The total amount of funding at risk in this issue is roughly \$18 billion.

Governor-Elect DeSantis Transition

The following candidates won the 2018 elections:

Governor: Ron DeSantis

Attorney General: Ashley Moody

Chief Financial Officer: Jimmy Patronis

Commissioner of Agriculture: Nikki Fried

The Environmental Transition Team has started meeting. Eileen Stuart of Hopping Green & Sams is on the team. Gov. DeSantis is likely going to attempt to distinguish himself from Rick Scott. DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein will likely remain as Secretary.

Legislative Forecast

The House Leader and Senate President will likely focus on hospitals and insurance regulation, respectively. It is not anticipated that environmental issues will be at the forefront of legislation this session.

Blue Star Legislation

The Blue Star Legislation, a best management practices program for wastewater collection treatment, will be introduced again this legislative session.

Sunshine 811

An ad hoc committee has been created to draft legislation for enforcement procedures. The committee includes a 9-member panel including representatives from location companies, utilities, etc. The intent is to create a maximum penalty of \$50,000.

Biosolids TAC

Mike Hudkins of Orange County Utilities provided an update on the Biosolids TAC. The TAC held meetings on November 28 and 29 where they discussed technologies and research, AA processes and the overview of the three emerging technologies for biosolids. The St. Johns River Water Management District presented a case study at the meeting on Blue Cypress Lake and its nutrient problems. A summary of the meeting can be found on the Utility Council website. The Utility Council's Biosolids TAC subcommittee has met recently and they plan to meet again in the second week of

January. It is DEP's goal to wrap up the Biosolids TAC by the beginning of the legislative session.

Federal Issues

America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

This is a large water bill that would include requirements for: increased frequency in sending out consumer confidence reports; vulnerability/risk assessment and emergency response plan certification and asset management programs.

PFAs, PFOAs, GenX and PFBS

EPA released Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFOS/PFOA, has provided provisional Peer Reviewed Toxicity Values for PFBS, and developed draft human health toxicity values for GenX and PFBS. See: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/epa-actions-address-pfas>.

Waters of the United States

It is expected that the Trump Administration will release a new Waters of the United States rule that reportedly will go further than the Scalia ruling.

Reclaimed Water

Potable Reuse Commission Update

The Potable Reuse Commission has been meeting frequently. There is an ongoing discussion regarding emerging constituents and pathogen regulation. Comments have been sent to the Potable Reuse Commission from the various water management districts and the environmental community. The "Expanded Regulatory Environment Team" has had two meetings to discuss the comments. There was brief call with Senator Simpson to discuss the possibility of legislative language and moving forward with the Commission's recommendations. After discussion, it was determined this is a politically charged issue and it will be better for the Commission to have all of their outstanding issues in order prior to legislation being submitted.

Public Relations Initiative

The Florida Potable Reuse Commission, FSAWWA Utility Council, Florida Water Reuse and FWEA Utility Council have distributed a Request for Proposals for General Communications and Consulting Services. The Utility Council has received five responses. The subcommittee expects to select a firm in January.

VII. Upcoming Events

Discussed

- **Potable Reuse Commission Meeting December 12th**
- **FSAWWA Region VII Lunch and Learn December 12th in Miami**
- **FSAWWAUC Tallahassee Fly-In January 22nd – 24th**
- **FDEP Focus on Change February 19th in Pompano**
- **FWRC April 14th – 17th in Tampa**

VIII. Administrator's Report

The next meeting of the Utility Council will be a teleconference on January 14, 2019. DEP Day is still tentatively scheduled for January.

The Utility Council also approved the purchase of a new speakerphone for future meetings and agreed to revamp the member application process.

IX. SEFLUC Holiday Luncheon – Recognition of FLAWARN Responders

X. Adjournment