



**DATE:** April 29, 2014  
**TO:** Members of the Southeast Florida Utility Council (SEFLUC)  
**FROM:** Gio Batista, City of Sunrise  
**SUBJECT:** **DRAFT Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 14, 2014**  
**1:30 – 3:00 PM**  
City of Boca Raton  
6500 Congress Avenue  
Boca Raton, Florida 33487

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**1) Administrative**

- A. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions: Bertha Goldenberg, Miami-Dade WASD
- B. Minutes of the February 10, 2014 SEFLUC Meeting

*Motioned by: Randy Brown, City of Pompano Beach;  
Seconded by Brian Shields, Palm Beach County.*

**APPROVED**

March 10, 2014 SEFLUC Meeting Minutes deferred to the May 12, 2014 SEFLUC Meeting, Gio Batista, City of Sunrise

- C. March 2014 Treasurer’s Report: Julie Leonard, City of Ft. Lauderdale

Opening Balance:	\$77,016.92
Deposits:	\$2,200.00
Disbursements:	<u>\$5,945.95</u>
Closing Balance:	\$ 73,270.97

- D. Plaque presentation to Board Members for dedication and service to the Utility Community by Julie Leonard, City of Ft. Lauderdale

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## 2) Regulatory/Legislative Updates

a) **March/April Legislative Updates** (Kristin Melton of de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A.) – *Refer to the attached summary at the end of these minutes.*

b) **Regulatory Updates** Lisa Wilson-Davis, City of Boca Raton

### Numeric Nutrient Criteria

- 4/2/14 EPA announced its decision to withdraw the federal criteria in Florida
  - Once final, FDEP's numeric nutrient standards, (approved by EPA) will become effective.
- Implemented thru Permitting and TMDL programs
- Implementation workshop will be held on July 11, 2014 at Orange County Utilities in conjunction with FWEA Board meeting.

### Antidegradation

- Florida Wildlife Fed. filed a complaint against EPA asserting that various aspects of Florida's water quality protection programs are inadequate.
  - Invalidation of Florida's impaired water assessments dating back to 2009
  - Assimilation and evaluation of water quality data to establish baseline parameters for Antidegradation analysis.
- Shift focus off of TMDL and NPDES programs
  - Evaluation as to whether Florida has adequately taken impact of water withdrawals into account in impairment assessments.
- FDEP and FWEAUC have filed motions to intervene.

### SFWMD CUPCon

- Adoption or SFWMD CUPCon related rules was postponed due to administrative reasons, should receive GB approval at next meeting.

### Water Quality Criteria for FI Bacteria

- Would automatically impose Basin Management Action Plan which includes costly list of tasks for a WWTP discharging into impaired water body within one year.

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- Includes SCADA, Sanitary Sewer Inspection Program, FOG, CMOM, and Root Cause programs

### **Domestic Wastewater Facilities: 62-600, F.A.C – Rule Development**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) recently announced a rule development to amend chapter 62-600, F.A.C., which governs domestic wastewater facilities. FDEP states that the intent of the rule development is “to clarify reliability design requirements, applicability of specific operation and maintenance requirements, innovative and alternative treatment process requirements, sampling methodology, sinkhole reporting requirements, permit monitoring effective date, flow recording device calibration requirements, procedures for electronic submittal of monitoring results, and minimum ground water monitoring requirements.” The notice of rule development and draft rule language are attached to this memorandum. As provided in the notice, **FDEP has scheduled a workshop at 10 AM on April 16, 2014 in Tallahassee.**

### **Federal Rulemaking on Waters of the United States**

On March 25, 2014 EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers (the agencies) issued a joint press release announcing the official proposal of a rule titled *Definition of “Waters of the United States” Under the Clean Water Act* (often referred to the WOTUS rule, an acronym for waters of the United States).

The rule as proposed March 25th is a pre-publication version and has not been published in the Federal Register. Comments will be accepted for a period of 90 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

- 3) SEFLUC Event Updates** (Lisa Wilson-Davis, City of Boca Raton)  
Upcoming Events have been posted on the SEFLUC website. If anyone has information on upcoming events of interest to the Utility community, please forward information to SEFLUC.
- 4) Utility Issues Committees** -- Randy Brown, City of Pompano Beach

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**5) Presentations**

- a) "SFWMD's East Coast Floridan Model", by Jeff Giddings, Principal Hydrogeologist for the South Florida Water Management District
- b) SEFLUC Report of Activities, by Nancy Gallinaro, Palm Beach County

**6) SEFLUC Business by Bertha Goldenberg, Miami-Dade WASD**

- a) Adoption of the Budget (deferred to May 2014 meeting)
- b) Appreciation of Nancy Gallinaro's dedication to the SEFLUC Board. Nancy will be leaving the Southeast Florida area. (Bertha Goldenberg, Miami Dade WASD)
- c) Amendment to the previously nominated Board Members. The new board nominees are as follows:

- I. Chair: Gio Batista, City of Sunrise*
- II. Vice Chair: Brandon Selle, Seacoast Utility Authority*
- III. Secretary: Sherry Negahban, Miami-Dade WASD*
- IV. Treasurer: Lauren Burack, City of Boca Raton*
- V. Webmaster: Vacant*

*Motioned by: Randy Brown, City of Pompano Beach*  
*Seconded by: Lisa Wilson-Davis*

*Approved.*

- d) Motion to approve Anne Murray, Martin County as the SEFLUC Board Webmaster.

*Motioned by: Julie Leonard, Ft. Lauderdale*  
*Seconded by: Lisa Wilson-Davis, City of Boca Raton*

*Approved*

**7) SEFLUC Upcoming Presentations**

- a) "Water Use Conservation Through Peer Data and Customer Engagement", by Chris Patton, WaterSmart Software
- b) "Lining and Useful applications for inflow and infiltration", Larry Keist, LMK Pipe Renewal, LLC

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**Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm**

**Next Meeting**

May 12, 2014

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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