

Legislative and Regulatory Summary – November 2015

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- **FWEAUC FDEP Day Follow-up**
 - Good exchange of information – some discussion
 - Springs – current legislative issue
 - Septic tanks – discussion, but no commitment
 - Reclaimed Water – no action by FDEP
 - Concentrate Disposal
 - FDEP would like further discussion on using lower Floridan for concentrate disposal (Central Florida Issue)
 - Fecal Indicator Bacteria – burden of proof on utility
 - FDEP open to discussion, after legislative session...

- **FSAWWA Fly-In Follow-up**
 - Over 40 Representatives and Senators from around the state were visited
 - Leadership
 - Deadlines for project submittals – funding
 - House December 11th.
 - Senate – projects may be required to be submitted through testimony from member or utility.

- **Reclaimed Water Study**
 - Report out December 1st
 - November 12th Meeting with Senator Simpson in New Port Richie
 - What are his thoughts on reclaimed study
 - How do we get customers get hooked up (wells)
 - Link CUP permitting to well permitting
 - Feasibility – develop economics with other stakeholders?

- **Triennial review**
 - Presentation to ERC on 12/9/15 for approval
 - Fecal Indicator Bacteria standards are being updated.

- **Land application of Septage**
 - Expect action to delay implementation of ban to allow for the development of facilities to be able to take/treat septage.

- **Water Legislation**
 - Office of Economic Demographic Research to develop structure to identify funding and project needs.

- Will be tied to Water Supply Planning
- **CCNA**
 - Continuing consultant limitations
 - AG opinion
 - Raise limits from \$2M - \$5M for projects and \$200K - \$500K for studies
- **Utility Relocation HB 461 SB 416**
 - Senate Bill has moved through
 - Person doing project to incur costs to relocate lines for DOT projects
 - Prohibits local governments to require utility maps
- **Utility Finance Securitization**
 - FGUA Financing Bill – allows for the establishment of a charge on customer bill for debt service directly related to project.
 - Only one entity can utilize this method
 - Would like to see this expanded to other entities
- **Public Records**
 - OUC – exempt some items from Public Records – Cyber security
 - Distribution system maps - limit what a Utility has to give out to developers