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**FWEAUC Meeting Minutes
 Joint Meeting with Southeast Florida Utility Council
 December 16, 2019
 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
Kevin Carter	Director at Large
Sondra Lee*	Director at Large
Jeff Greenwell	Director at Large
Todd Swingle	Director at Large

UC Staff in Attendance Include:

David Childs	Legal Counsel
Katie Ibarra	Administrator

*Via Teleconference

Members in Attendance Include:

Tara Lamoureux	City of Casselberry	Jo Ann Jackson	Black & Veatch
Karen McCullen	City of Altamonte Springs	Sheri Hemerling	Parkland Utilities
Alicia Magloire	City of Delray Beach	Coy Mathis	City of Hollywood
Isasella Slagle	Town of Davie	Kara Mills	City of Boca Raton
Isabel Botero	Black & Veatch	Molly Tuistle	City of Pompano Beach
Shana Coombs	City of Pompano Beach	John Bryon	City of Pompano Beach
Nick Porter	De la Parte & Gilbert	Carol Hinton	UF TREEO
Ana Caveda	Miami-Dade WASD	Terri Lowery	Jones Edmunds
Daniel Suarez	HDR	Rick Nevulis	SFWMD
Todd Hiteshev	Fort Lauderdale	Mike Condran	Electro Scan, Inc.
Bud Goblisch	CES Consultants	Maria Reczko	Davie Utilities
Tene Bats	WR Consulting	Tom Emehiser	GHD
Anne Murray	Martin County	Natalie Fausel	Ansfield
Kassandra Myrec	City of Hollywood	Gabriela Mirea	City of Hollywood
Chad Girard	Village of Palm Springs	Ron Nunes	Parkland Utilities
Jose Lopez	B & A	Carlyn Kowalsky	Nason Yeager PA
Charles Moseley	Black & Veatch	Pollop	AECOM
		Phonporanthorn	
Fernando Rodriguez	City of Dania Beach	John Fumero	Nabon Yeager & Fumero, P.A.
Tyler Davis	Global Tech	Heath Wintz	Stantec
Bill Snow	AECOM	David Gilpin-Hudson	EAC Consulting
Suzanne Daribrowski	CMA	Ben Chen	Chen Moore
Nick Porter	_____		

Members in Teleconference:

Mike Hudkins	Orange County Utilities	Jan McLean	City of Tampa
Michelle Duggan	Pinellas County Utilities	Monica Autrey	Destin Water Users
Phillip Brown	City of Jacksonville Beach	Damon Boutwell	Pace Water Systems
Brian Megic	Liquid Solutions Group	Andrea Browning	Lee County Utilities
Glenn Morris			

I. Call to Order & Introductions

II. Approval of October 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Tabled to future meeting.

III. Budget & Dues

The report on the budget and dues was given by Donald Palmer. We are half way through the fiscal year. The Utility Council's funds are healthy. Membership dues invoices were distributed in October. Dues payments are coming in but we do not have an updated report from the bookkeeper yet.

IV. Regulatory & Legislative Discussion

FDEP Water Quality & Resilient Utility Legislation

This legislative session is expected to be extremely busy for water policies. Governor DeSantis, as well as other top legislators, have made water policy a top priority. A discussion ensued regarding FDEP's Water Quality & Resilient Utility Legislation. Input had previously been provided to the Blue Green Algae Task Force. Furthermore, David Childs has meet with DEP leadership and provided prior Utility Council legislative initiatives for their reference. A section-by-section overview was further discussed, as further outlined in the *Summary of Comprehensive Water Legislation, CS/SB 712*, uploaded to the Members Only Section of the Utility Council's website on December 13, 2019. The Utility Council also thanked Board Member Todd Swingle for his presentation before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government on December 11, 2019 titled "*Wastewater Asset Overview.*" A further discussion ensued where utility members provided examples of their asset management programs.

Potable Reuse & Surface Water Discharge Elimination Legislation

A discussion on the Potable Reuse & Surface Water Discharge Elimination legislation took place, with particular attention to the following section:

Notwithstanding this subsection, beginning January 1, 2026, domestic wastewater treatment facilities are prohibited from disposing of effluent, reclaimed water, or reuse water by surface water discharge, except that this prohibition does not apply to surface water augmentation projects permitted in accordance with s. 403.8531; domestic wastewater treatment facility wet weather discharges that occur in accordance with the applicable department permit; domestic wastewater treatment facilities located in fiscally constrained counties as defined in s. 218.67(1); or domestic wastewater treatment facilities located in municipalities that are entirely within a rural area of opportunity as designated pursuant to s. 288.0656.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

David Ammerman of Carollo Engineers is conducting an economic impact study of surface water discharge elimination and may be contacting utilities for input. The Utility Council will also continue to engage in this legislation and provide comments along with the final Carollo report.

Biosolids Rulemaking

The Utility Council submitted a Lower Cost Regulatory Alternative for Proposed Biosolids Rule to DEP on November 18, 2019, that proposed recommended language to the rule. At this time DEP has not yet responded, but they are legally obligated to compare and contracts the lower costs regulatory alternative. This rule is not likely to be ready before this legislative session.

One Water Initiative with Florida Stormwater Association

Attempts have been made to create a communication network between the FWEA and the Florida Stormwater Association. Last session the two associations were on the opposite ends of water issues and there are efforts to create a united front. There will be a conference call at the end of October with key members of each association. On January 9, 2020, the FWEA Water Resource Reuse & Resiliency Committee is conducting a "One Water Seminar." Kevin Carter will be on a panel along with the FSA President to discuss how all water works together.

V. Administrator's Report

The next meeting of the Utility Council will be conducted in Tallahassee and held in conjunction with the Utility Council's DEP Day at a date still to be determined.

VI. SEFLUC Holiday Luncheon

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.