



FWEA Utility Council

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Memorandum

Date: September 15, 2016
To: FWEA Board
From: FWEAUC
RE: Report of FWEAUC Activities

1. Senator Simpson is expected to introduce reclaimed water legislation this session and as a result, he has directed FDEP to conduct a process to vet concepts and develop legislation that has stakeholder buy-in. The FWEAUC remains actively engaged in this workgroup process and participated in the July 27th meeting in West Palm Beach as well as the August 22nd meeting in Jacksonville. The Utility Council, in coordination with and with the consensus of Utility and other stakeholder groups, has vetted and developed draft legislation which was presented to the FDEP. FDEP plans to meet with Senator Simpson in the very near future and is expected to hold one more Reclaimed Water Workgroup meeting via a webcast in early October.
2. On August 12, 2016, the FWEAUC held a business meeting in Lee County at the Lee County Emergency Operations Center. There were approximately 25 people who attended this meeting in person and about 10 who attended via conference call. Some of the topics discussed were reclaimed water, septic tanks, FDOT efforts, and funding. Updates regarding litigation surrounding the FDEP's Human Health Based Criteria and Class I Treated Waters as well as the EPA's NPDES rulemaking were provided.
3. After sending out a member alert and receiving feedback at the August 12th meeting, the FWEAUC provided a lower cost regulatory alternative and request for hearing on proposed revisions resulting from the FDOT Utility Accommodations Manual rulemaking efforts to the FDOT. On August 23, 2016, the Department withdrew the rulemaking.

4. The next Utility Council meeting is a joint FSAWWAUC – FWEAUC on September 21, 2016 being held from 12:00pm – 4:30pm at OUC – 3800 Gardenia Avenue in Orlando.
5. FWEAUC Board members approved the FWEAUC sponsorship of the AIF 2016 Water Forum being held at the Loews Pacific Resort in Orlando on September 22nd and 23rd. The sponsorship included the registration for four FWEAUC member to the Forum (\$195/ea) as well as attendance to an invitation only meeting with legislators. The FWEAUC also has three Board members that will be attending as panelist: Lisa Wilson-Davis (Reclaimed Water Panel), Brian Wheeler (Central Florida Regional Panel), and Paul Steinbrecher (Energy/Water Nexus Panel).
6. The Annual “FDEP Day” where Board and other members of the FWEAUC meet with Senior Staff of the FDEP to discuss current issues has been set for November 3, 2016 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm at the FDEP Copper Top Building.