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Memorandum

Date: June 28, 2017
To: FWEA Board
From: FWEAUC
RE: Report of FWEAUC April, May, June Activities

1. UC President Lisa Wilson-Davis presented a UC update at the FWEA Board of Directors meeting on April 23rd at the FWRC in West Palm Beach and during a May 5th Board of Directors call to discuss the FWEA Directory.
2. The FWEAUC renewed the annual (May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018) Agreement for Legal and Policy Consultant Services and contract for Administrative Services with Hopping Green & Sams.
3. The FWEAUC Annual meeting/breakfast was held on April 26th at the FWRC in West Palm Beach, over 50 members were in attendance. During the meeting, the FWEAUC Annual Report was presented and the FY2017 – 2018 Annual UC Budget was approved. Dues will remain the same as the previous year. During the meeting, a motion was approved for the FWEAUC to sponsor the annual Florida Water Forum in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Florida Water Forum will be held in Orlando on September 22nd and 23rd. Shannon A. Estenoz, Director, Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives, U.S. Department of the Interior, gave a fabulous presentation on Everglades restoration.
4. February 17th through May 5th the FWEAUC held weekly Committee Week Legislative Calls. These calls provide updates on current legislation with potential impacts to wastewater utilities as well as provide a forum to discuss the legislation. These calls regularly have more than 30 member participants. During the final weeks of the session, the legislative language regarding Pollution Notification was added to SB 1018 which passed both the House and the Senate and was subsequently signed by the governor. The UC will be working closely with FDEP regarding the implementation of the bill's requirements.

5. OSTDS WORKGROUP

- a. As a result of a motion made at the FWEAUC March meeting in Jacksonville, on April 20th the FWEAUC sent out a Request for Proposals to Develop Guidance Documents to Assist Communities with Developments and Implementation of OSTDS Remediation Plans. Deadline for submission of proposals was May 17, 2017. The FWEAUC received three great proposals from AECOM, Jones Edmunds, and Wright Pierce. The project was awarded to Jones Edmunds on May 24th and the Workgroup working with Terri Lowery of Jones Edmunds on the guidance.

6. FWEAUC President Lisa Wilson-Davis provided comment for an article in the Global Water Intelligence (GWI) publication regarding the further adoption of reuse practiced in Florida and the legislation (SB 1686) that was proposed this year.

7. The FWEAUC periodically creates a new password for the Members Only portion of the website. Prior to the implementation of the new password on June 9, 2017, the FWEAUC did an outreach to members who have yet to pay their dues which was successful.

8. RECLAIMED WATER WORKGROUP:

- a. On May 17, 2017 a memorandum was sent to FWEAUC members regarding the expectation that the Florida Legislature and regulatory agencies will revisit and update reclaimed water policies in the coming months and year. Specific issue likely to be addressed are aquifer recharge and potable reuse. The memorandum encouraged members to meet locally with their legislators to educate them on reclaimed water practices and provided members with key talking points.
- b. As a follow up, a Reclaimed Water Questionnaire which was sent to members soliciting information to be used to update the FWEAUC's position on potable reuse projects relevant to member utilities. Responses were requested by June 20, 2017 and extended until July 3, 2017. Five responses were received.
- c. The workgroup will be holding a conference call on July 11th to discuss the survey responses and further refine the FWEAUC's position on potable reuse.

9. The FWEAUC held a Board meeting on June 2nd in Lee County. This meeting was attended by ~25 people and ~10 by phone. Topics discussed during the meeting included updates legislation that was proposed and/or passed this session regarding reclaimed water, aquifer replenishment, wastewater blue star certification, funding, and pollution notification. A regulatory update on the CFWI efforts was also given.

10. The next Utility Council meeting is a joint FWEAUC and FSAWWAUC meeting on July 18th in Fort Lauderdale at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott harbor Beach Resort & Spa. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the 2017 Environmental Permitting Summer School and members who attend the UC meeting have the opportunity to attend the "Florida Environmental Policy in 2017 – Where We Are Headed" Early-Bird Session for \$75.00.