



## *Protecting Florida's Clean Water Environment*

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### **Memorandum**

**Date:** November 14, 2017  
**To:** FWEA Board  
**From:** FWEAUC  
**RE:** Report of FWEAUC October and November Activities

#### 1. OSTDS WORKGROUP

The workgroup continued to work with Terri Lowery of Jones Edmunds on the Guidance Document to Assist Communities with Developments and Implementation of OSTDS Remediation Plans. A draft document is will be sent out to the UC Board for review by mid-October.

#### 2. RECLAIMED WATER WORKGROUP:

The workgroup held a conference call on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, to further discuss the WateReuse proposal. The group developed and submitted a response to WateReuse on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The FWEAUC received a response to the submitted comments on October 26<sup>th</sup> and this was discussed at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

#### 3. FWEAUC BOARD MEETING

FWEAUC held a Board meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tallahassee in conjunction with the FWEAUC Annual DEP Day meeting. Approximately 30 people were in attendance or called in by phone. Topics discussed included preparation for the FDEP meeting – reclaimed water, emergency preparedness/response, Blue Star Certification, and septic to sewer conversion project. Updates on WOTUS, the EPA Sue & Settle directive, the Florida Constitution Commission Revision Process, and Human Health Based Criteria were also given.

FDEP representation in the DEP Day meeting included: Drew Bartlett, Deputy Secretary Ecosystem Restoration; Steven James, Director of Water Policy; Stephanie Gudeman, Manager, Strategic Planning and Policy; Tom Frick, Director of Environmental Assessment and Restoration; and Elsa Potts, Program Administrator, Industrial Wastewater. Discussions during the meeting were very productive and it was suggested the Utility Council participate in a panel discussion on Hurricane Preparedness and Response regarding SSOs for the Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness.

#### 4. PANEL PARTICIPATION FOR SELECT COMMITTEE ON HURRICANE RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

As a result of discussion with DEP on DEP Day, the FWEAUC was presented an opportunity to participate on a panel discussion on sanitary sewer storm systems relating to Hurricane Preparedness and Response and SSOs on November 13, 2017. President Lisa Wilson-Davis and Past President Brian Wheeler participated on the panel.

#### 5. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE SESSION AT FWRC

FWRC planners have asked the FWEA and FSAWWA Utility Councils about the possibility of putting together a joint session for a Legislative and Regulatory Update. The Councils are currently discussing this.