



# **FWEA Utility Council**

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## **Memorandum**

**Date:** April 10, 2017  
**To:** FWEA Board  
**From:** FWEAUC  
**RE:** Report of FWEAUC February/March Activities

1. On February 2, 2017 participated in FWEA Leadership Training webinar and were represented by Sondra Lee at the FWEA Leadership Workshop on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. February 17<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup> the FWEAUC is holding 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.
3. The FWEAUC held a Board meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville. This meeting was attended by ~35 people. The FWEAUC develop a proposed budget and dues structure to be voted on at the Annual Board meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposal is identical to the FY 2016-17 adopted budget and dues structure. Topics discussed during the meeting included updates on current proposed legislation regarding reclaimed water, aquifer replenishment, wastewater blue star certification, funding, and pollution notification. A regulatory update on the CFWI efforts was also given. Drew Bartlett, Deputy Secretary of Water Policy and Ecosystem Restoration was a guest speaker to discuss a Clearing House of Best Practices for Converting Septic to Sewer. The UC Board approved a motion to put together and award an RFP for the compilation and report of suggested best practices.
4. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the FWEAUC held a special conference call to discuss and develop positions on proposed bills that contained reclaimed water legislation. Language in the proposed legislation included the elimination of reclaimed water surface water

discharges, statewide policy regarding underground injection of reclaimed water (aquifer replenishment) and the creation of a “water utility” classification.

5. FWEAUC members participated in and provided comment in FDEP meetings during the weeks of March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the FDEP proposed Aquifer Replenishment legislation.
6. Budget Update: Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual FWEA Utility Council Dues Invoices and cover letter from the UC President were sent out to members in October. FYTD Income is \$270,591.45
7. There is UC interest to explore ways to coordinate and enhance the WR3 Committee – Utility Council activities.
8. The next Utility Council meeting is the Utility Council Annual Board meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the FWRC – Room 1F in West Palm Beach.