

FSAWWA Utility Council Meeting

October 19, 2006

Orlando, Florida

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Suzanne Goss – Interim Chair	JEA
Lisa Wilson-Davis – Secretary	City of Boca Raton
Jackie Torbert – FSAWWA Section Chair	Orange County Utilities
Brian Wheeler	Toho Water
Richard Griswold	Destin Water Users, Inc.
Doug Mann	Littlejohn, Mann & Associates
Rich McLean	Pinellas County Utilities
Deryle Calhoun	JEA
Marvin Kadeen	Pasco County Utilities
Mitt Tidwell	Daytona Beach
Thomas Tart	Orlando Utilities
Rob Teegarden	OUC
Roy Silberstein	LBG- Leggett Brashears & Graham

Call to Order:

- Suzanne Goss called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. A booklet prepared by Littlejohn, Mann & Associates was handed out to all participants. Page numbers indicated in minutes refer to pages in the booklet.
- Suzanne Goss announced the resignation of Mick Finn as FSAWWA-UC (UC) Chair. Mick's retirement e-mail was included on page 11 of the booklet. The UC wishes Mick the best of luck in his retirement. Suzanne Goss has assumed the duties of UC Interim Chair until the FSAWWA Executive Committee formally appoints a Chair in November.
- A motion was made by Rich Griswold to make a formal recommendation from the UC to the FSAWWA Executive Committee supporting the nomination of Suzanne Goss as UC Chair. The motion was seconded by Rich McLean and passed unanimously.

Minutes from last meeting (Page 4-6):

- Minutes from the May 19, 2006 meeting were included in the booklet.
- Motion to approve the minutes was made by Brian Wheeler and seconded by Marvin Kadeen. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (page 8):

- Noted on page 8 of booklet, current balance is \$208,139.00.
- UC and FSAWWA Board of Governors have approved the \$30,000.00 one-time contribution to the Conserve Florida Clearinghouse project. Suzanne Goss will follow-up on status of the contribution.

2007 Legislative Policies (page 13-16):

- Discussed draft Legislative Policies for 2007
 - Alternative Water Supply Funding
 - Linking Water Supply and Growth
 - Water Resource Development and Alternative Water Supply Development
 - Water Conservation
 - Water Reservation
 - Water Management Districts
- Specific comments will be noted in draft revision of the FSAWWA-UC Legislative Policies document.

Membership Committee:

- Lisa Wilson-Davis discussed issues on managing membership between UC members and Section members.
- The Section has been reviewing software to help manage membership and event registration. Lisa Wilson-Davis and Suzanne Goss have provided comments to the Section regarding software options being evaluated.
- A motion was made by Rob Teegarden and seconded by Brian Wheeler to acknowledge that the UC *supports* the Section to move forward with the review and subsequent purchase of the most appropriate and versatile software that will facilitate membership and event registration.
- Suzanne Goss noted that members would receive their annual dues invoices soon.

Regulatory (page 17-55):

- Members discussed the proposed Chapter 62-602 F.A.C. (Water or Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Water Distribution System Operators) and 62-699 F.A.C. (Classification and Staffing of Water or Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plants and Water Distribution Systems) revisions at length.
- Three workshops presented by the FDEP were held recently around the state.

- Discussion of the proposed revision included comments relating to:
 - Qualifications of instructors;
 - Grandfathering;
 - Current licensing and new licensing requirements;
 - Exam challenges/reviews;
 - Definition of “On-site”; and
 - Staffing requirements.
- Deadline to submit comments to the FDEP are by close of business on Friday, October 20, 2006. Deryle Calhoun and Lisa Wilson-Davis agreed to compile comments for Jackie Torbert to utilize in a letter that would be sent to FDEP on behalf of the Section.
- Jackie Torbert also agreed to contact the FDEP in Tallahassee and request a copy of the post comment draft and, if warranted, to set up a meeting for additional discussion on this issue.

9/01/06 Draft – Department of Health – Drinking Water Program: Guidelines for the Issuance of Precautionary Boil Water Notices

- A draft copy of the revised guidelines from Ed Bettinger was handed out. Greatest impact would be to water utilities that are permitted by the FDOH. FDEP is expected to adopt the guidelines from the FDOH.
- Richard Griswold was informed by the FDEP that a precautionary boil water notice would be necessary if there was zero pressure regardless of the circumstances.
- Brian Wheeler agreed to research the previous TAC comments, which was previously headed by Richard Coates.
- Jackie Torbert agreed to correspond with the FDOH and request an opportunity for the Section to further discuss the proposed changes to the guidelines.
- Richard Griswold agreed to coordinate comments and forward to FDOH.

Recommended Action Plan for the Central Florida Coordination Area (page 62-79)

- Cooperative effort between South Florida Water Management District (WMD), Southwest Florida WMD, and St. Johns River WMD.
- WMDs have proposed “regional” water projects.
- Jackie Torbert, Brian Wheeler, and Rob Teegarden agreed to monitor this project and keep the UC informed.

- The UC members in attendance agreed to monitor WMDs statewide for similar efforts.

Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)

- Suzanne Goss relayed comments from an e-mail she received from David Pyne of ASR Systems regarding ASR projects and Alternative Water Supply Funding.
- The UC has recommended that ASR be listed as an Alternative Water Supply option for funding opportunities in the 2007 Legislative Policies.
- The UC has placed ASR on the list of issues to monitor in 2007.

Tallahassee Update

- No major issues to report. Doug Mann will update the UC at the November meeting.

Path Forward

- Suzanne Goss presented some “food for thought” items for future meetings:
 - How do we engage new members?
 - Membership dues – can we give an initial year dues reduction?
 - Offer a “reduced” membership – information only.
 - Current committee structure – is it working?
 - Develop a membership brochure – listing of members.
 - Create a website that includes a “members only” section.
 - Invite Florida Rural Water Association to participate at UC meetings.
 - Ideas for 2007 Drinking Water and Legislative Day
 - Revisit the Standard Procedures Manual
 - Set meeting schedule in advance that includes locations.
 - Explore the possibility of teleconferencing an/or web conferencing for some of the meetings.

Next meeting:

- **Sunday, November 26th, 2006 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld – part of the FSAWWA Conference.**

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Brian Wheeler, seconded by Richard Griswold. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm