

FSAWWA Utility Council Meeting

November 26, 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
Andy Richardson	AWWA Past President
Doug Mann	Littlejohn, Mann & Associates
Rob Teegarden	OUC
Fred Rapach	SFWMD
Bobbie Hinde	FSAWWA Executive Director
Grace Johns	Hazen and Sawyer
Marvin Kaden	Pasco County Utilities
Mitt Tidwell	Daytona Beach
Ray Pilor	Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority
Ralph Terrero	Miami Dade WAsD
Randy Brown	City of Pompano Beach
Maria Loucraft	City of Pompano Beach
Ken R. Hatcher	Baskerville-Donovan Inc.
Richard Griswold	Destin Water Users, Inc.
Ted McKim	Reedy Creek
David Pyne	ASR Systems LLC
Tim Brodeur	Boyle Engineering
Larry Elliott	Carollo Engineering

Call to Order:

- Suzanne Goss called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm. A booklet prepared by Littlejohn, Mann & Associates was handed out to all participants. Page numbers indicated in minutes refer to pages in the booklet.
- Andrew Richardson was introduced as the Immediate Past President AWWA. Andrew shared his perspective on the accomplishments of the AWWA, the FSAWWA, and the FSAWWA UC.

Minutes from last meeting (Page 2-5):

- Minutes from the October 19, 2006 meeting were included in the booklet.
- A correction in the spelling of Marvin Kaden's last name was noted.
- Motion to approve the minutes was made by Randy Brown and seconded by Marvin Kaden. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (page 6-7):

- Noted on pages 6-7 of booklet, expenditures to date are \$99,400.00.
- Invoices for FY 06-07 have been sent.
- UC and FSAWWA Board of Governors have approved the \$30,000.00 one-time contribution to the Conserve Florida Clearinghouse project. Suzanne Goss will continue follow-up on the contribution, need to determine who to send the money to.

2007 Legislative Policies (page 9-12):

- Discussed final draft Legislative Policies for 2007
 - Alternative Water Supply Funding (AWS)
 - Question about future funding was raised. What is the Outlook?
 - Discussion of potential Education Outreach to inform smaller (and other) utilities in the form of workshops about the AWS funding and listing in Regional Water Supply Plans.
 - Linking Water Supply and Growth
 - No further discussion or comments
 - Water Resource Development and Alternative Water Supply Development
 - Tim Brodeur initiated discussion involving a UC sponsorship relating to statewide initiative for the planning of desalination projects that would endorse Federal level with specific Florida issue focus.
 - Could utilize documents from Texas and California as a model. Doug Mann will look into compiling a draft for comment.
 - Noted there is a January 12th Desalination meeting in San Diego, California.
 - Ralph Terrero noted Miami Dade is working with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) involving a feasibility study.
 - Water Conservation
 - No further discussion or comments
 - Water Reservation
 - No further discussion or comments
 - Water Management Districts
 - No further discussion or comments
- One typo was noted on page 12 – last sentence. There is an apostrophe following Alternative Water Supply Funding that should be a semi-colon. Will be corrected.
- Motion to approve the Legislative Policies w/typo correction and submit for Governing Board made by Rob Teegarden, seconded by Randy Brown. Motion was approved unanimously.

Membership Committee:

- Lisa Wilson-Davis discussed the development of a new member packet. This packet would be used as part of an outreach effort to recruit new members.
- Also discussed the development of an existing membership information brochure that can be sent out with the invoices.
- It was agreed that both the packet and the brochure should contain information regarding our dues structure, the benefits/values of UC membership, and a listing of existing members.
- The Section reviewed 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. Rob Teegarden noted the Section should be selecting the web-based software at the Governing Board meeting tomorrow.

Conserve Florida (page 17)

- The UC has committed \$30,000.00 to the initial effort to create the Conserve Florida database. The database will be housed at the University of Florida.
- UC will continue to push for consistency between Districts regarding conservation and for a sustained funding source from the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

Draft Water Conservation Rule and Comments (page 21-22)

- Briefly discussed HB 293 and other Management District proposed rules.
- Maria Loucraft commented that the SFWMD move to change the conservation requirement for Water Use/Consumptive Use permits from 200 gpd per capita to 150 gpd per capita had no scientific basis.

9/01/06 Draft – Department of Health – Drinking Water Program: Guidelines for the Issuance of Precautionary Boil Water Notices (page 23-29)

- A draft copy of the revised guidelines from Ed Bettinger was included in the packet.
- Richard Griswold was recognized for compiling and submitting comments from the UC to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH). Richard Griswold's comments were handed out in a separate handout.
- Jackie Torbert submitted a letter on behalf of the FSAWWA to request a meeting with the FDOH to discuss the guidelines in more detail.
- The UC is encouraged that some changes will be made.

FAC 62-602, Drinking Water and Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, and FAC 62-699, Treatment Plant Classification and Staffing Rule Development

- Deryle Calhoun of JEA and Lisa Wilson-Davis were recognized for compiling UC comment regarding the rule development. These comments were passed on to Jackie Torbert.
- Jackie Torbert submitted a cover letter and the comments to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on behalf of the FSAWWA. The cover letter and comments were handed out in a separate handout.

Central Florida Coordination Area (page 30-33)

- Cooperative effort between South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Southwest Florida WMD, and St. Johns River WMD.
- A summary letter of the issues by Hopping Green & Sams dated October 20, 2006 was included in the booklet.
- The latest draft of the SFWMD proposed Regional Availability Rule was posted on November 20th.
- The consensus of the UC is to follow these issues closely as similar rules/policies have been or will implemented in other Districts.

Tallahassee Update – Election Results – Gubernatorial Appointments (page 34-51)

- Doug Mann provided a listing of the election results and gubernatorial appointments in the booklet.

UF Water Resources Sustainability Effort (page 52)

- Doug Mann provided a copy of the UF/IFAS Solutions for Water Resource Sustainability plan on page 52 for background information.
- The Utility Council is supporting the Water Conservation portion of the plan through funding of the initial start up costs relating to the Conserve Florida database.

Florida Government Accountability Act – Analysis (page 53)

- Doug Mann comment HB 1123 was passed and requires the review of both the Department of Environmental Protection and Water Management Districts in 2008. The reviews may result in restructuring.

List of House Committees (page 64-65)

- A list of House Committees was provided on page 64 of the booklet. It was noted that Representative Stan Mayfield will chair the Environment & Natural Resources Council.

Utility Council Committee Structure

- Suzanne Goss handed out a diagram of the current structure of UC committees for member review.
- Consensus was to review current committee structure and restructure if necessary.

Annual Drinking Water – Legislative Day: March 28, 2007 in Tallahassee

- Members were reminded about the annual Drinking Water and Legislative Day.
- Discussed possible “mentoring program” that would involve pairing up of more seasoned UC members with newer members to meet legislators and/or attend committee meetings in the afternoon and possible hold a debriefing afterward.
- Consensus among members was to move forward with the “mentoring program” and to create a list of potential topics for both the morning meeting as well as for the “mentoring program”.

Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)

- David Pyne of ASR Systems gave an overview regarding ASR projects and the need to keep ASR on the forefront of Alternative Water Supply Funding possibilities. He also discussed the need for valid ASR information dissemination.

Next Steps

- Suzanne Goss presented a rough meeting schedule for the upcoming year with possible dates in:
 - February;
 - March 28th – Drinking Water Day
 - June/July
 - October – Goal of meeting to Approve Legislative Policies and other Governing Board Items
 - November – Focus on Strategic Planning
 - Hold in conjunction with FSAWWA Fall Conference but move from Sunday.
- A proposed list of dates and locations will be sent to UC members for review.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Randy Brown, seconded by all. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.