

Reclaimed Water Policy Workgroup

February 26, 2009

Workgroup Goals

- **Overarching Goal**: Optimize the use and continued development of reclaimed water as an alternative water supply to the extent environmentally, technically, and economically feasible in order to meet water supply demands.
- Develop policies that allow reclaimed water systems to meet alternative water supply and effluent disposal objectives.
- Expand water conservation practices for traditional and alternative water supplies, which are recognized and accepted by the regulatory agencies and utilities.
- Develop policies that expand the availability of reclaimed water for reuse by providing regulatory incentives (e.g. offsets) to encourage utilities to invest in reclaimed water system expansion.

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- Develop policies that facilitate the addition of new agricultural, industrial, commercial and residential reclaimed water customers and other beneficial uses
- Develop policies that recognize that utilities are diverse and require flexibility in the approaches to achieving conservation goals due to differing operational and business needs
- Seek to achieve appropriate consistency among the Department and the water management districts in the implementation of recommendations developed as a result of the workgroup.
- Develop a collaborative working relationship among the utility industry, the Department, and the water management districts in the development of reclaimed water-related policies and rules

Consensus Recommendations in
Connecting Reuse & Water Use:
A Report of the Reuse
Stakeholders Meetings

Increased Water Management District – Utility Coordination in Reuse Feasibility Analysis

- Notes:
- Utilities communicate the planned area of reclaimed water expansion to the WMD
- Orlando: Do policies as currently written prevent utilities from commenting on 3rd party CUP applications?
- Toho: Issue is not prevention, but rather acknowledgement of opportunity to review and provide comment
- SJRWMD: May be an issue of education – do not want to create new policy if not needed. Everything is on the internet. Let's look at the existing system. Perhaps an alert of sorts.
- Boca: goes beyond alert. If we are going to put reuse into the planning process, then we do not want the rug pulled out from under us.
- Tampa: a harder look may be needed, but we also need to make sure we are fair to customers' budgets, etc. Education needed as to how process works to avoid unintended consequences
- SWFWMD: we are all different internally. How you get there may vary among the water management districts.
- FWEA: this issue arose because of instances in which the information provided by an applicant was incorrect and the water management district in turn agreed that reuse was not feasible. The utility needs to confirm validity of information.

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Goal Based Water Conservation Plans

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Closing Thoughts

- All notes from Feb 26th will be transmitted to all potentially interested stakeholders.
- **Next Meeting: March 11, 2009.** larger group meeting with all stakeholders. Based out of Tallahassee DEP with all satellite offices involved for video conferencing available or some similar alternative
 - **Subject:** Goal Based Water Conservation Plans. DEP has a water policy bill that in part addresses Goal Based Water Conservation Plans. FWEA also has recommended statutory amendments.
- **Subsequent Meeting: April 16, 2009.** 10:00 AM – 1:00 pm. Reedy Creek Improvement District
 - **Subject:** Increased Utility-Water Management District Coordination