

## **Public Supply Advisory Committee**

MEETING DATE – NOVEMBER 6, 2018

LIAISON REPORT – H. PAUL SENFT

### **Advisory Committee Policy Updates**

- Mr. Michael Molligan, Employee and External Relations division director, presented the proposed changes to advisory committee policies, which include:
  - Removing member listing within the policy
  - Removing specific requirements for attendance
  - Removing length of terms for memberships
  - Changing voting requirements from quorum to majority present
- Mr. Molligan encouraged feedback from the committee before going to the Governing Board with proposed changes in December. Mr. Molligan will provide a copy of the proposal for advisory committees prior to presenting to the Governing Board.
- Members asked how the makeup of the committee is determined and Mr. Molligan explained the members are listed on the website and are written in the current policy. Members are chosen by the executive director to represent key stakeholders in the various industries or sectors of that committee.
- Members asked how the committees were originally established and Mr. Richard Owen, who was present during this time, explained the members were specifically listed in the policies so the Governing Board would be aware of the representation when approving the policy.
- Members asked about the timeframe for taking these changes to the Governing Board and Mr. Molligan said the changes will be discussed in December and voted on at the January Board meeting.

### **Potable Reuse Commission Update**

- Mr. Thomas Kiger, Water Supply engineer, provided an update on the Potable Reuse Commission, which was formed earlier this year and has held two of three public workshops to discuss and develop a framework for potable reuse.
- Members asked where they could find the draft report for potable reuse and Mr. Kiger explained it can be found on the WaterReuse Florida website and offered to send it to the committee.

### **Reclaimed Water Progress within the Southwest Florida Water Management District**

- Mr. Joseph Quinn, Water Supply project manager, discussed the progress of using reclaimed water within the District. Projects utilizing indirect potable reuse include the Clearwater Groundwater Replenishment Project, the South Hillsborough Aquifer Recharge Project (SHARE) and the Tampa Augmentation Project (TAP).
- Members asked for the link to reclaimed water mapping.
- Members asked if other districts consider rapid infiltration basins (RIBS) as a beneficial reuse. Mr. Quinn explained the other districts and the state do consider some RIBS as a beneficial reuse. The District does not consider them a beneficial reuse unless they are offsetting potable water use, creating a new water supply or providing specific environmental benefits.

### **Pasco County's Reclaimed Water Natural Systems Treatment and Restoration Project Overview**

- Mr. Mike Hancock, chief professional engineer, discussed the concept of the Reclaimed Water Reuse Project in Central Pasco County, which uses excess reclaimed water to provide recharge in the Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area.

- Members asked who is charged with long term maintenance and what is the benefit to Pasco County. Mr. Hancock responded the County is responsible as part of the agreement, and Mr. Jeff Harris, Pasco County Utilities, explained the goal is to put water to better use. Mr. Harris also identified the many awards the County has received from this project.
- Members requested to tour Pasco County's project site in lieu of their regular February meeting.

#### **Hydrologic Conditions Update**

- Ms. Lois Sorensen, Demand Management Program Manager, provided an update on hydrological conditions as of September 2018. She explained the hydrologic conditions remain elevated but within a healthy range. She also mentioned El Niño is likely to develop and remain through April, May and June.