

**FICE Water Resources Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
January 22, 2009  
Teleconference

- I. Chair Tim Brodeur, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am EST.

**The following members were present:**

Timothy Brodeur, PE – Chair	Kumar Allady, PE
Ralph Bingham, PE	Terry Hull, PE
Hamid Bojd, PE	Micah Buchholz, PE
Randy Bushey, PE	Ben Chen, PE
Michael Davis	Shahin Hekmat, PE
Larry Fluty, PE	Jeffrey Glenn, PE
Elliot Grosh, PE	Michael Langston, PE
William Lynch, PE	Michael Ports, PE
Robert Ross, PE	Anthony Russo, PE
Anthony Russo, PE	John Shearer, PE
Michael Simmons, PE	Gregory Wilfong, PE
Paul Yeargain, PE	

**Others present:**

Samantha Hobbs, Government Affairs Coordinator

II. **Chair's Welcome**

Chair Brodeur welcomed the group.

III. **Subcommittee Reports**

**Municipal** – Chen gave a brief report. Two CCNA presentations have been given to the LOC, one last year and one January 22<sup>nd</sup> to the Broward delegation. Chen asked the entire committee to promote this presentation to their local LOC. Hobbs will email to the committee the link to the presentation along with a title and short description, so members can promote to their delegations. Brodeur reminded the committee of the new mission of this committee and that these presentations are very important.

**Army Corps** – Hull gave a brief report. They have had a meeting with Steve Duba and ASME to discuss moving this committee forward. History of the WRC was discussed, as well as success with other agencies and potential topics for future meetings. Duba stressed that federal regulations may not be able to be changed, but at least both parties will have a better understanding of each others processes. Hull obtained the national agreement between ACEC and the Corps and shared with Duba. Davis also gave an update of the change of command scheduled for July.

**SJRWMD** – Glenn gave a brief report. Alternative water supply was discussed. A ruling from a judge is expected by March 2009, on the proposed water withdrawal from the St. Johns River to Yankee Lake by Seminole County. Also, mentioned was that state funding was cut last year and will again be cut this year, yet the District intends to continue to fully fund their share. The District will release a new version of E-Permitting by March 2009.

**SFWMD** - Lynch gave a brief report. Key comments from the District meeting included that there were no issues with the consultants at this time, the 25% shortfall in advolaram tax, SBE program, and number of contract assignments. Procurement has made themselves available to FICE for roundtable discussions regarding making the procurement process quicker. This would include contract language and PM participation and training. Hobbs to

contact Gillette to see how these roundtables will progress. Chen, Ross and Vazquez requested to be added to this committee.

**SWFWMD** – No report was given.

**NFWWMD** – Langston gave a brief report. He noted this was a new committee and needed members. Wilfong requested to be added to this committee. Discussion followed that this is the only area that was permitting only through DEP. This year changes have been made and permitting is going through the WMD and DEP. The new rules are making it difficult for the WMD. This committee will work with the WMD to help sort through these new rules.

**CEQ** – Hobbs gave a brief report. CEQ minutes were included in the packet for review. CEQ will next meet February 6<sup>th</sup>.

- IV. Stormwater Rule Update** – Wilfong reported on the update. The implementation has been stalled at least one year, due to the current financial status of the state. Several issues have arisen and the TAC will be studying and reviewing them. Hobbs will add this item to the August agenda.
- V. Irrigation Rule Update** – Wilfong reported on the update. Rules are under consideration by the SJRWMD which would impose stricter regulatory criteria. The proposed criteria clash with the objectives of water utilities. Other water management districts may weigh in on this issue depending on the results of SJRWMD rulemaking.
- VI. Discussion on licensed PE's in WMD** – Brodeur lead the discussion on this issue. Research is needed to find out if licensed PE's are currently hired in the WMD and the Corps. It was requested that all subcommittees discuss in their next District meetings the importance of registration. Hobbs will add this item to the August agenda.
- VII. Other/New Business** - None
- VIII. Next Meeting and Adjournment**  
The next meeting will be take place during the annual conference: August 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm EST at the Breakers hotel in Palm Beach. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.