

Water and Environmental Sustainability Committee

WES-PP-1: BIOSOLIDS PILOT PROGRAM

PROPOSED POLICY: Support establishing a pilot program for funding new state of the art wastewater technologies to improve recover and afford more efficient use of human wastewater biosolids.

Recommendation: **Adopt**

WES-PP-2: SEA-LEVEL RISE FUNDING

PROPOSED POLICY: Dedication of a funding stream to better understand and combat Sea-level rise.

Recommendation: **Not adopt, covered in Guiding Principles**

WES-PP-3: STORMWATER PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

PROPOSED POLICY: Support a mandate that State of Florida stormwater permitting requirements use NOAA Atlas 14 rainfall data

Recommendation: **Withdrawn by sponsoring county**

WES-PP-4: STORMWATER CRITICAL EVENTS

PROPOSED POLICY: Adopt statewide the critical storm event analysis standards used by Suwannee River Water Management District and FDOT.

Recommendation: **Withdrawn by sponsoring county**

WES-PP-5: SEPTIC TANK PERMITTING

PROPOSED POLICY: Support a change in statutory language that will better supervise and coordinate appropriate septic tank permitting between the Department of Health, County Health Departments, and local county/municipal governments. Suggested language change that could be added to Sec. 381.0065(4), Fla. Stat. as follows: The department may not issue a construction permit until the department has received written notice from the municipality or county with land use jurisdiction over the property where the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system is to be constructed, confirming that the type of building or structure to be served by the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system is permissible on the property under applicable local regulations

Recommendation: **Adopt**

WES-PP-6: STATEWIDE ENHANCED SEPTIC SYSTEM/SEWER REQUIREMENT

PROPOSED POLICY: Support a statewide requirement that all new development be placed on enhanced treatment septic systems or connected to sewer.

Recommendation: **Motion made to not adopt, vote was tied so motion failed, deferred to full Policy Conference in December**

WES-PP-7: CONVERSION OF PRIVATE WELLS AND SEPTIC TANKS

PROPOSED POLICY: Support continued enhanced funding opportunities for conversion programs designed to move private wells to potable drinking water and private septic tanks to public wastewater collection systems. Support greater flexibility for programs that address the costs incurred by residents connecting to sewer and the proper abandonment of septic systems.

Recommendation: **Adopt**

WES-PP-8: FIRE HYDRANT SYSTEMS

PROPOSED POLICY: Support requiring the design for proposed public utility programs to include fire hydrant systems.

Recommendation: **Defer to full Policy Conference in December**

WES-PP-9: WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PROPOSED POLICY: Support funding opportunities for studies and other technical and scientific data collection and engineering/design needed to support the implementation of water quality improvement projects.

Recommendation: **Not adopt, covered in Guiding Principles**

WES-PP-10: FUND STORMWATER REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS FOR WATER QUALITY

PROPOSED POLICY: Support funding opportunities and/or incentives for Stormwater System rehabilitations and enhancements that provide measurable water quality improvements.

Recommendation: **Not adopt, covered in Guiding Principles**

WES-PP-11: LAKE OKEECHOBEE BASIN AND WATER MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED POLICY: Support water quality and quantity management programs for regional and sub-regional systems in South and Southwest Florida

Recommendation: **Not adopt, covered in Guiding Principles**

WES-PP-12: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR “SMALL COMMUNITIES”

PROPOSED POLICY: Support the development of tiered, population driven funding opportunities including a category for “Small Communities” with populations less than 500,000.

Recommendation: **Not adopt**

WES-PP-13: ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS

PROPOSED POLICY: Support legislation providing clarity to the Public Service Commission that it must reform its rules to reflect best practices in other states on setting efficiency goals

Recommendation: **Defer to full Policy Conference in December**

WES-PP-14: ROOFTOP SOLAR

PROPOSED POLICY: Support advancing roof-top solar for Florida families and businesses and oppose weakening the state’s net-metering rules.

Recommendation: **Not adopt, covered in Guiding Principles**

WES-PP-15: WATER-USING APPLIANCE STANDARDS

PROPOSED POLICY: Support the Model Act for Establishing State Appliance and Equipment Water Efficiency Standards (model language attached)

Recommendation: **Adopt**