Tri-Party Memorandum of Agreement FSAWWA/FWEA/FWPCOA

This Tri-Party Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is entered into this ______ day of ______, 2008 between the Florida Section American Water Works Association (FSAWWA), Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA), and the Florida Water Pollution Control Operators Association (FWPCOA). The MOA may be amended for time to time by mutual consent of FSAWWA, FWEA, and FWPCOA.

WHEREAS, FSAWWA assures present and future generations of Florida a sufficient supply of high quality drinking water by providing consumer confidence and satisfaction; safe, affordable and adequate drinking water through sound science; effective legislative and regulatory activities for the water community; prudent and responsible managerial, fiscal, and organizational strategies to increase effectiveness of drinking water organizations; and serving as a leader of the drinking water community in Florida.

WHEREAS, FWEA serves and unites water quality professionals in Florida responsible for protecting a clean water environment through education programs; professional development; and promotion of sound public policy.

WHEREAS, FWPCOA serves and unites water and wastewater treatment plant operators in Florida responsible for protecting a clean water environment through education programs; training; and professional development.

WHEREAS, FSAWWA, FWEA and FWPCOA, hereinafter referred to as the ASSOCIATIONS, represent more than 12,000 water, wastewater, environmental and other professionals in Florida that will benefit through enhanced collaboration between the ASSOCIATIONS.

WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATIONS desire to benefit their members and the public at large by enhanced collaboration and cooperation between the ASSOCIATIONS.

WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATIONS have Utility Councils or liaisons made up of wastewater and water utilities in Florida. These Councils are recognized as authoritative sources for knowledge, information and advocacy to improve the water environment and the quality of drinking water in the state.

NOW THEREFORE, the ASSOCIATIONS agree to the following.

1. The lead officers of each ASSOCIATION agree to meet on a regular basis with quarterly meetings as the objective. The purpose of these meetings is to strengthen *alignment*, *coordination*, *and communication* between the association leaders and establish methods for collaboration between the ASSOCIATIONS on an ongoing basis and review the Tri-Party MOA. The ASSOCIATION Chair/President will rotate responsibilities to chair the meetings by one taking the first meeting, the other taking the next and so on. The chair will develop the agendas and set the meeting dates on acceptable days and times. Any joint actions taken by the officers during these meetings must be reviewed by the officers with their respective Boards before such actions are initiated.

- 2. The ASSOCIATIONS Utility Councils and liaisons will conduct joint quarterly meetings each year. The purpose of these meetings will be to establish common ground regarding regulatory, public policy and legislative issues relating to public and private utilities in the state so that the ASSOCIATIONS can work collaboratively in these areas. Agendas for the joint meetings will be jointly prepared.
- 3. The ASSOCIATIONS will collaborate to the extent possible to coordinate conference, seminar and other training events. Coordinators of such events will communicate regularly during event planning and the ASSOCIATIONS will strive to participate and/or be represented at events of common interest. The primary events that require such coordination to avoid conflicts for our membership are the Florida Water Resources Conference, the FSAWWA Annual Fall Conference, and the FWPCOA Short Schools, and the FWEA Fall Seminar.
- 4. The ASSOCIATIONS local Chapters and Regions and each association's Committees will collaborate to the extent possible and reasonable. Local chapter and region cooperation may include joint meetings as appropriate. Committee cooperation may also include sharing of information and common support.

In consideration of the above, the ASSOCIATIONS indicate their acceptance of this Memorandum of

Agreement by the signatures below.	5145 marcute their acceptance of this Helmoran
For FWEA:	For FSAWWA:
Howard Wegis President	Mathew B. Alvarez. P.E.
FWEA 12/8/05 Date	FSAWWA /Z/z/08 Date
For FWPCOA:	
Tom King President FWPCOA	

Date