

FWEA Manasota Chapter

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Welcome to the New Chapter

*By Mike Demko and Kristiana Dragash,
Co-Chairs of FWEA Manasota Chapter*

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter of the Manasota Chapter of the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA). FWEA is the state member organization for the Water Environment Federation.

FWEA's mission is to serve and unite water quality professionals responsible for protecting a clean water environment through educational programs, professional development, and promotion of sound public policy. The Manasota Chapter will serve the local community in the counties of Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, and Highlands. The Manasota Chapter will provide local programs that meet the needs of this area.

We realized a need for a local chapter several years ago and began a series of annual lunch meetings run by the West Coast Chapter from Tampa. In the summer of 2007, we held our first local meeting with over seventy professionals participating in a roundtable discussion of the future of biosolids in the region. We followed-up with successful roundtable lunches in 2008 and 2009 covering the economic downturn and sustainability.

At the end of 2009, we put together a steering committee and started working with the FWEA Board of Directors. In January, we held a steering committee meeting and nominated officers; we will vote on them at the first meeting.

For our first year, we have made it our goal to form an active steering committee to get a variety of points of view. We plan to host four quarterly lunches with topics of interest to our local members. If there is a topic of particular interest to you, please contact us. We hope you enjoy the program and we encourage you to participate as form this new chapter.

Members of the Manasota Chapter Steering Committee met to discuss formation of the new chapter. Pictured from left to right are Kristiana Dragash, Mike Demko, Laura Baumberger, Matthew Gribbins, Carlyn O'Reilly, James McLellan, and Mike Sheehan.



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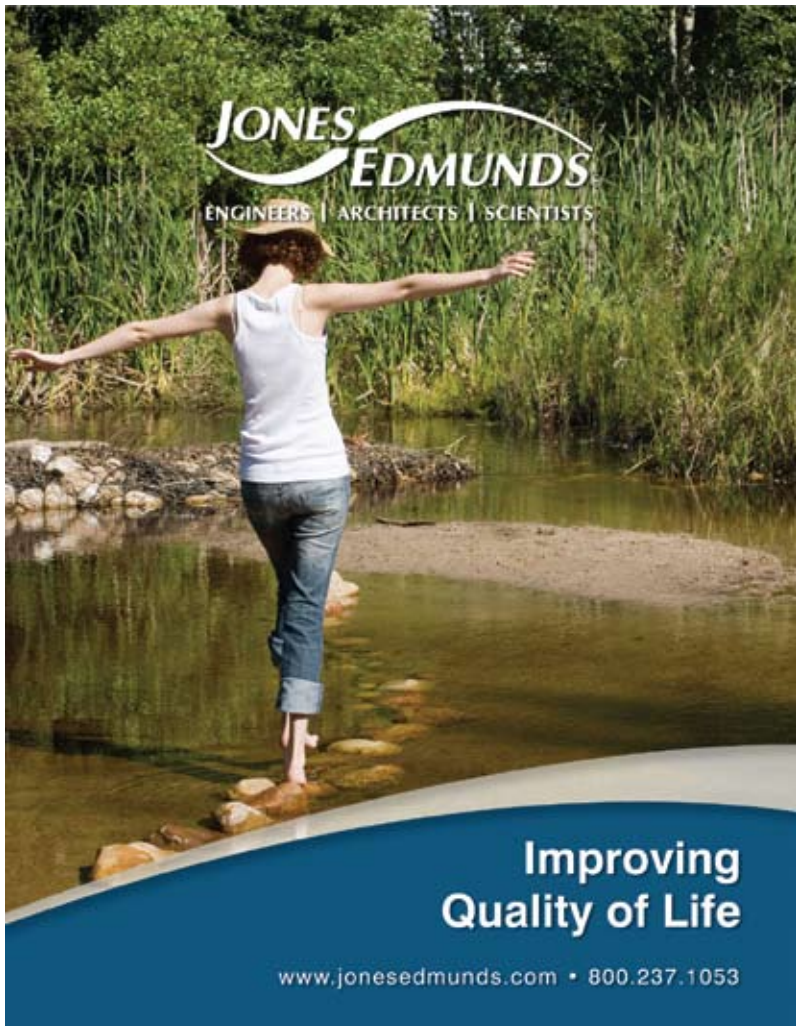
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FWEA Safety Corner

By Mike Sheehan, Regional Safety Advisor, Severn Trent Services

Currently, all public employers and employees are exempt from any Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety requirements, but on December 18, 2008, the Florida Public Task Force on Workplace Safety provided recommendations to Governor Charlie Crist, regarding the need and potential future applicability of OSHA laws. The majority of task force members recommended passing legislation to require all public employers and employees to comply with OSHA safety rules within 3 years.

In addition, House Bill 967 was introduced on June 10, 2008 to address safety compliance for public employees. The last session of the Florida Legislature failed to act upon this initiative. However, this bill may be reintroduced during reconvening of the legislature, which is scheduled for March 2 through April 30, 2010.

For those who may not yet understand the complexities of full compliance with OSHA, it is

strongly recommended that you begin to address these requirements well before the deadline, since there is a long lead-time to develop and maintain a full safety training and compliance program.

At the very least, whether it is mandatory or not, it is always best to begin implementation of a voluntary safety compliance program to decrease risks, reduce costs, and ensure the safety of Florida's public employees.

Not a Member of FWEA?

*Contact your Membership Chair, Rachel Cantor
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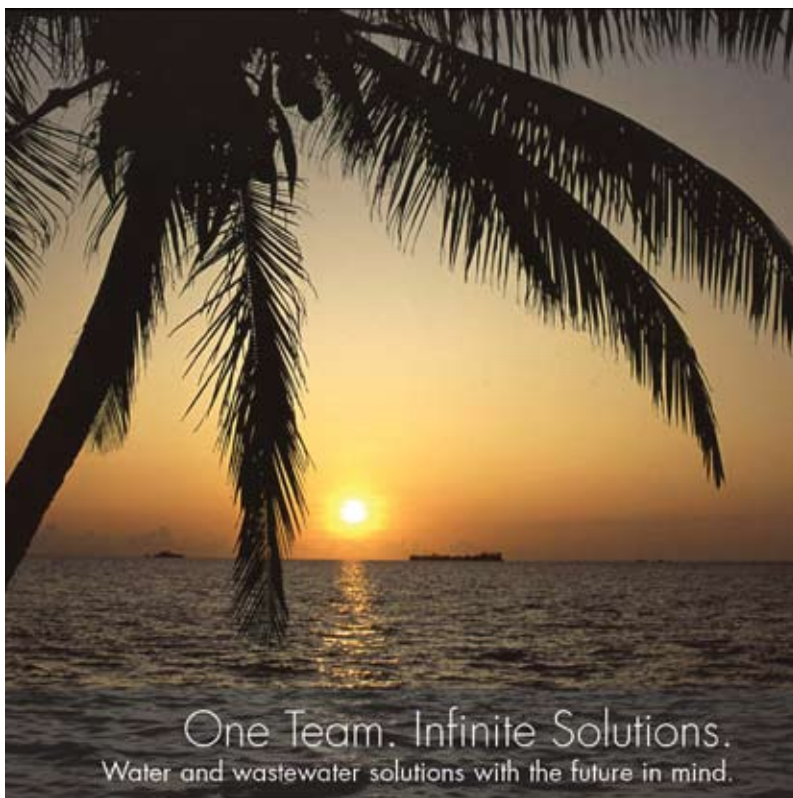
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March 13 - Baseball Game (Phillies vs Minnesota Twins)

April 8 - 55th State Science and Engineering
Fair of Florida

April 10 - Tentative Join Canoe/Kayak Trip with IWRC

April 17 - Pasco County Regional Science Fair

May 16 - Florida Water Resources Conference Student
& Young Professional Reception

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March Luncheon Meeting - March 11, 2010

Seasonal Storage of Reclaimed Water for the Englewood Water District by Mark McNeal, P.G.

Abstract

This presentation will discuss the history and experience of the development and operation of the Englewood Water District Reclaimed Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project, the first permitted and operational reclaimed water ASR Well in Florida.

Mark McNeal, P.G.

Mr. Mark McNeal developed and obtained permitting for the first reclaimed water ASR well in Florida while working for the Englewood Water District. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer for ASRus, LLC. Mr. McNeal has more than 24 years of experience in hydrogeologic investigations in Florida, including

management of projects for ASR, deep injection wells, reuse, and computer modeling of groundwater systems. He also has experience in aquifer pumping test design and analysis, ASR and water supply system startup, and ASR operational cycle testing. He has worked with water suppliers and water management districts across Florida, including the Southwest Florida Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District, and the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority. Mr. McNeal worked with CH2M HILL in their Tampa office for 21 years, where he was Director of Groundwater Practices and Reuse for their Southeast Region. Mr. McNeal obtained his B.S. in Geological Engineering from Brigham Young University.

FWEA MANASOTA CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

POLO GRILL AND BAR

10670 Boardwalk Loop
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Registration - 11:30 • Lunch - Noon • Program - 12:30

House Salad - Mesclun greens with walnuts, sun-dried cherries, and white balsamic vinaigrette.

Choice #1 - Chicago Hot Roast Beef with roasted peppers, giardiniera, and provolone on a garlic butter baguette.

Choice #2 - Rosemary Grilled Sliced Breast of Chicken atop orzo with feta, green beans, tomatoes, lemon, garlic, and Mediterranean lemon vinaigrette.

Cost: \$20 for online pre-registration • \$23 for pre-registration by mail, phone, fax, or e-mail • \$25 at the door

Pre-registration deadline: Friday, March 5

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Registration can be made by mail, phone, fax, or e-mail, with payment mailed in advance or collected at the door.

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