

Water Users Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

The Operators meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

1. Jerry Homan, General Manager of HCFWSD# 61, introduced himself and briefly summarized purpose of meeting.
2. Each of the attendees introduced themselves and the organization that they represent.
3. Mark Evans discussed the reuse program
 - a. Extensively discussed the November 2013 amended reuse program
 - b. Main amendment is that the district will now receive .75 cents for every 1,000 gallons used.
 - c. Jerry Homan encouraged operators to take a hard look at the NHCRWA reuse program and offer up possibilities to the districts as appropriate.
 - d. Open Discussion: Main question is will this reuse program extend to the sewer treatment plants reusing water within the plant?
4. Tom Roland and Carlton McDevitt discussed the protocol for water quality issues and the notification procedure, transfer of information.
5. Jerry Homan talks about how important having customer confidence, is in our water system. Mr. Homan poses the question how would Districts receiving water from the NHCRWA receive notification for an acute water issue? What is the protocol for notification and what is the NHCRWA's responsibility? No direct answer was given to the question by NHCRWA representatives.
6. Open Discussion ensued
 - a. The Authority was asked to go to the City of Houston and demand for better communication from them on water quality issues.
 - b. Several other districts are working together on a proposal for an upstream analyzer at a system next to the City treatment facility. The NHCRWA was asked to consider participating in this cooperative effort whereas to potentially receive water quality issues quicker, before it reaches the main plant
 - c. Public Notice needs to be posted quicker and a well thought out plan should be developed to enhance notification in the event of an acute water issue.
 - d. How Does the Water Authority get the word out?
 - i. Right now email only and or phone calls
 - ii. Suggested that the authority hires an alert system company that sends texts and emails. For example the alert systems schools are utilizing.
7. Jerry Homan proposes bi-annual meeting
 - a. Operators all agreed to participate in the meetings
8. Discussion on the use of wells
 - a. Operators are encouraged to run wells to keep fresh and in good maintenance.
 - b. It was discussed that an hour of run time weekly would be acceptable for most wells but that each well was different and may need additional run time.

9. Discussion on PH issues at wastewater facility
 - a. Authority cannot raise alkalinity
 - b. There was a suggestion to adjust the DO at plant and see if there may be a PH improvement.
 - c. Jerry suggested a round table group to discuss issue further.

10. The meeting is adjourned at 12:00 pm. Mr. Homan thanked all participants for attending the meeting.