



Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council – Salinity Network Workgroup

December 21, 2018

Leadership transition

- Rick Copeland has stepped down as chair.
- The Salinity Network presently has no chairperson.
- For your information, we've attached Rick Copeland's *Exit Summary* and the original draft workgroup charter.

Using these documents, **please complete and return** the enclosed survey by **January 23, 2019.**
Please submit only one survey response per agency/entity.

- If the workgroup "votes" to proceed and there is no volunteer for chairperson, the issue of leadership can be brought to the whole Council to consider other options.

SNW CONTINUANCE SURVEY

Please mark Yes or No, with an opportunity to explain.

Return to Dan Dourte by December 21, 2018.

Agency:

Contact Person:

- 1) Should the Salinity Network Workgroup (SNW) continue? **Yes No Explain:**

- 2) The goals and status of the workgroup need to be clearly described. The draft charter and Rick's summary contains a list of pending activities. **Which of these items should the workgroup consider working on in the future?**
 - a) Water Level – Salinity Analysis Mapper: **Continue? Yes No Explain:**

 - b) GW Level Percentile Ranking Index: **Continue? Yes No Explain:**

 - c) Salinity Groundwater Quality Index: **Continue? Yes No Explain:**

 - d) Special Sampling Protocols for wells completed close to the freshwater/saltwater interface... **Continue? Yes No Explain:**

- e) Incorporation of estuarine water monitoring sites: **Continue? Yes No Explain:**
- f) Coastal Salinity Monitoring Network: **Continue? Yes No Explain:**
- g) Concerning monitoring, are there other charges the SNW should consider? **Explain:**
- h) Are there other charges beyond monitoring the SNW should consider? **Explain:**
- 3) One issue that has arisen is if the SNW should be involved in data interpretation. (Two current examples are the GW Level Percentile Ranking Index and the Salinity Groundwater Quality Index). **What are your views on sometimes having data interpreted/published by the workgroup?**
- 4) The roles of the chairperson need to be documented in a clear, concise way. Rick's summary identifies four possible responsibilities of the chair:
- *** Note that data analysis (which Rick did) is not a proposed duty for the chair. ****
- a) Work with the Balmoral Group to organize and develop agendas for at least two SNW meetings, usually held in May and November.
 - b) Make assignments or take the lead in making sure that SNW projects are progressing on schedule.
 - c) Prepare periodic (twice per year) status summaries of the progress of the SNW for the Florida Water Resource Monitoring Council.
 - d) Work with FDEP staff who are assigned to assist in making progress or completing SNW projects.

What do you think of these roles for the chair? Are there other duties for the chair?

- 5) For the SNW to continue, there must be a guiding chair. One idea is to have a rotating chair, limited to a one-year (typically two meetings) commitment. **What do you think of this idea? What is the likelihood of your agency participating if the chair were time-limited and involved no data analysis duties?**

- 6) **Please provide any additional comments you have.**