

THREE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS OBTAIN NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

St. John's River, Southwest Florida and South Florida Water Management Districts obtain new Executive Directors as a result of the department's restructuring process.

St Johns River WMD Executive Director, Hans Tanzler



Hans G. Tanzler III was named Executive Director on Oct. 11, 2011, after serving as the director of the St. Johns River Water Management District's Office of General Counsel.

Tanzler received a law degree from the University of Florida and has been a member of the Florida Bar for more than 30 years. He is also a certified public accountant and has worked as an assistant U.S. attorney, an Internal Revenue Service attorney, an attorney in private practice and a senior corporate business executive.

Tanzler has been active for more than 20 years with volunteer and community activities, currently serving on the boards of the University of Florida Foundation and The Conservation Trust of Florida, and having previously served as chairman of the Jacksonville Zoological Society and commissioner for the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Former Gov. Charlie Crist appointed Tanzler in April 2008 to the District's Governing Board, which he served on until becoming director of the Office of General Counsel in July 2011. While on the Board, Tanzler served as vice chairman and treasurer. You can contact Mr. Tanzler at htanzler@sjrwmd.com.

Southwest Florida WMD Executive Director, Blake Guillory



Blake C. Guillory was appointed executive director of the Southwest Florida Water Management District in August 2011. Mr. Guillory has 25 years of varied water resources experience throughout Florida and the Southeast United States. Prior to joining the District he served as vice president and the Florida Gulf Coast area manager for Brown and Caldwell, a national consulting firm providing water supply, wastewater, stormwater, infrastructure, business consulting and environmental sciences expertise to public and private clients. Prior to this, he was vice president and Southeast water resources division manager for PBS&J, now Atkins North America.

Guillory holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in civil engineering, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Florida. He is a professional engineer and a diplomat of water resources engineering.

Guillory is a past president of the Florida Stormwater Association and past Chairman of the Florida Floodplain Managers Association. He is also a member of the Florida Engineering Society, Florida Water Environment Association, American Water Works Association, American Water Resources Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

South Florida WMD Executive Director, Melissa Meeker



Melissa L. Meeker became Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District in June 2011. With nearly 20 years experience in both the public and private sectors, Ms. Meeker brings to this leadership position a proven record of executive management, policy development, business administration and government relations expertise. As head of the state's largest regional water management agency, she is accountable for ensuring that the District carries out its missions for flood protection, water supply and ecosystem restoration efficiently and effectively.

Previously, Ms. Meeker served as Deputy Secretary for Water Policy and Ecosystem Projects for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), charting a new course for the implementation of statewide water policy for Governor Rick Scott. Her record of public service with DEP also includes appointment to the Environmental Regulation Commission and leading DEP's Southeast Regulatory District. Familiar with the region's water management issues and challenges, Ms. Meeker was appointed in 2007 to the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board, serving from 2007-2009. Additionally, she served in 2004 as Chair of the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, leading a 37-member committee to address critical issues facing the Treasure Coast region. Her accomplished private sector experience includes serving as Florida Operations Manager for a major international environmental consulting firm and founding and managing her own strategic consulting business. A Florida native, Ms. Meeker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Palm Beach Atlantic University and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Resource.

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STILL NEED TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE?

If you did not renew your license by July 31, 2011, your license is currently INACTIVE. To renew license and regain active status please follow the steps below:

1. Submit proof of course credit (certificate of attendance) **IMMEDIATELY** and conversion payment to the FWWA Office at 325 John Knox Road, Suite L-103, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Credits will not be processed with out conversion fees. Credits will not be posted to the CE website until conversion fees are paid. (*See conversion fee chart below*)
2. After FWWA receives conversion payment and proof of course attendance, your FWWA conversion certificate will be sent to you within 30 days. Submit your conversion certificate to your Water Management District with appropriate licensing renewal paperwork and late fee. **Your license will not be renewed until you send your CEU conversion certificate, renewal application, renewal/late fees and any other appropriate paperwork to your Water Management District.**

Please call your water management district if you have any questions about the water well contractor licensure or license renewal process.

FWWA Conversion Fee Schedule

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| 1 CEU credit.....\$14 | 5 CEU credits.....\$70 | 9 CEU credits.....\$126 |
| 2 CEU credits.....\$28 | 6 CEU credits.....\$84 | 10 CEU credits.....\$140 |
| 3 CEU credits.....\$42 | 7 CEU credits.....\$98 | 11 CEU credits.....\$154 |
| 4 CEU credits.....\$56 | 8 CEU credits.....\$112 | 12 CEU credits.....\$168 |

THE 2011-2013 RENEWAL CYCLE HAS BEGUN

Don't wait until the last minute to gain the required 12 CEU credits you need to renew your license. To view available courses, visit www.wfwfceu.org. If you have certificates of attendance from other sources outside of the FWWA approved providers, you **MUST** submit the agenda and each course description to be reviewed for approval. Approval is **NOT** automatic or guaranteed. Each course must be a minimum of 50 minutes long to meet the definition of a CEU Credit Hour.

* **Please note – two 30 minute courses can not be combined to make 1 CEU credit hour.**



For more information and details about the FWWA CEU Courses and Rules, please visit www.fwwfceu.org.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2012 FGWA CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW

FGWA 2012 Annual Convention & Tradeshow
May 3-5, 2012
Caribe Royale Orlando
8101 World Center Dr • Orlando, FL 32821
(800) 823-8300 • www.cariberoyale.com

This convention is guaranteed to be an educational, motivational and social success. Furthermore, attendees can earn all 12 hours of continuing education towards your requirement for the 2011-2013 CE cycle. So you can get your required CEU credit hours well in advance of the July 31, 2013 deadline!

Here are a few activities planned for this year:

Grand Golf Tournament

The 2012 FGWA Grand Golf Tournament will be held at Falcon's Fire Golf Club. All proceeds from the FGWA Grand Golf Tournament will be donated to Operation Helping Hand for active duty military families whose loved ones have been wounded or injured in service to their country. These are young families with limited resources and Operation Helping Hand assists with expenses, lodging, transportation and entertainment while in the area.

To register for the tournament, please visit www.fgwa.org/events to download the registration form. Space is limited, so register early!

Trade Show Silent Auction

The FGWA Silent Auction was such a hit last year, we will be holding it again! Participating vendors will have items ranging from gift cards, theme park tickets, electronics, drilling equipment or services and more on display at their booths throughout the show. This is your chance to visit our vendors and bid on some great items in the process! Additionally, the proceeds from the Silent Auction go towards the \$10,000 in scholarships that are awarded annually by FGWA to relatives of FGWA members. Bid high and bid often!

Educational Session Topics

Every year the convention committee works hard to bring you innovative, exciting and educational topics. These are just a few of the sessions that will be available: McEllhiney Lecture – Well sealing study in Nebraska; Well Grouting & Sealing; Pump Design and Sizing; HPSH & Cavitation; Water Well Rehabilitation & Maintenance, is it worth the effort?; Basic Maintenance for Peristaltic Metering.

Hotel Information

Caribe Royale Orlando

8101 World Center Dr • Orlando, FL 32821
(800) 823-8300 • www.cariberoyale.com

Reservations can be made by calling Caribe Royale directly at (800) 823-8300. Let them know you are attending the Florida Ground Water Association Annual Convention to receive the special room rate of \$140 for a Queen Double or Standard King Suite. Make your plans now so you can receive the discounted rate.





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Upcoming Courses

| Date | Title | Provider | Hours/Type | Location |
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| 11/11/2011 | FWAQ Fall Education | Florida Water Quality Association | 5 R/R | Sarasota, FL |
| 1/11/2012 | Well Drillers Advisory Committee | SWFWMD | 2 R/R | Tampa, FL |
| 4/11/2012 | Well Drillers Advisory Committee | SWFWMD | 2 R/R | Tampa, FL |

For a complete list of course offerings, visit the website at www.flwwceu.org and click the “Course Offerings” link.

CEU by the Numbers for the July 2011 Renewal Deadline

- ❖ Number of **Active** Licensed Water Well Contractors: **998**
- ❖ Number of **Pending** contractors (individuals seeking licensure): **103**
- ❖ Licensed contractors that completed **12** CEU hours for the 2009 – 2011 CEU Cycle: **896**
- ❖ Licensed contractors that have between **1 and 11** CEUs for the 2009 – 2011 CEU Cycle: **16**
- ❖ Licensed contractors who have **0** CEU hours for the 2009 – 2011 CEU Cycle: **145**
- ❖ Number of courses offered during 2009 – 2011 CEU Cycle: **161**
- ❖ Number of Course Providers: **61**

Statistics are as of September 30, 2011



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