



ILLINOIS WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

Lou Kollias – Chair February 29, 2016

134 people attended the Annual Government Affairs Seminar on January 29, 2016 at the Chicago Marriott Southwest in Burr Ridge, Illinois. Our Keynote Speaker was Marcia Willhite from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water. Marcia discussed pending rulemaking before the Illinois Pollution Control Board, use attainability analysis, status of NPDES Permits in Illinois, and other pertinent Illinois water topics. Her presentation was very informative.

The other presentations featured a variety of topics. There was a presentation by the City of Rockford on stormwater compliance and the long-term struggles they endured during the enforcement process. It was energetic and eye opening. The second presentation of the morning was a very spirited discussion of wet weather treatment NPDES permitting in Illinois. This also resulted in discussions that had cause for concern. The afternoon session included a presentation on the MWRD Infiltration/Inflow Control Program, and a presentation of public and private partnership for the reuse of wastewater effluent. All presentations were well received by the attendees and are available on the IWEA website.

Two articles were submitted for the Clarifier.

I wish to thank the members of the committee for all of their work over the past year. Thanks to Laurie Frieders, Bob Johnson, Deb Ness, and Jay Patel.