



# The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

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## THREE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS OBTAIN NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



### **South Florida WMD Executive Director, Peter Antonacci**

As head of the state's largest water management agency, Antonacci will lead the District in carrying out its mission to balance and improve flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply across a region that serves 8.1 million people.

A seasoned attorney, Antonacci brings more than three decades of experience in Florida state government, finance and law to the District. In his most recent public role, he served as Governor Scott's General Counsel, from 2013 to 2015. He served as a Governing Board member at the Northwest Florida Water Management District, from 2006 to 2012. His public service also includes:

- Florida Commission on Ethics member (2002-2006)
- State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit in Palm Beach County (2012) (Click on the picture for a larger version.)
- Deputy Attorney General of Florida (1990-1997)
- Statewide Prosecutor (1988-1990)

In addition to his public service, he practiced law at the firm of GrayRobinson P.A. in Tallahassee. Antonacci earned his law degree from Florida State University as well as a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning.



### **St. Johns River WMD Executive Director, Dr. Ann Shortelle**

Dr. Ann Shortelle is the executive director of the St. Johns River Water Management District, where she began work June 1, 2015.

Shortelle has more than 25 years of professional experience in lake, riverine and reservoir management for water quantity and quality. Her experience also includes surface water/wetlands restoration, surface water modeling, permitting and environmental assessments.

She previously served as executive director for the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) for three years, where she had been actively involved in the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership and springs protection.

Prior to taking the helm at SRWMD, she was the director of the Office of Water Policy for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), where she helped develop water policy for water supply planning and alternative water supplies, minimum flows and levels, reuse, water conservation, water quality protection and consumptive use permitting.

She holds a doctorate degree in limnology from the University of Notre Dame and a bachelor of science degree in biology from Mercer University. She has authored/co-authored more than 40 publications and presentations on environmental topics.



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### Suwannee River WMD Interim Executive Director, Carlos D. Herd

Governing Board Chairman, Don J. Quincey, Jr., appointed Carlos D. Herd as the interim executive director of Suwannee River Water Management District

“Carlos has the ability to keep the mission and vision of the District at the forefront during this possible transition. I am confident he has what it takes to keep the rudder straight,” said Quincey.

Carlos Herd has been with the District for nine years and nearly three of those years as the division director for the water supply.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT STREAMLINING REMINDER

In 2013, a bill was passed that revised numerous provisions relating to environmental permit streamlining. The bill states “upon authorization from the department, issuance of well permits will be the sole responsibility of the water management district, delegated local government, or local county health department. Other local governmental entities may not impose additional or duplicate requirements or fees or establish a separate program for the permitting of the location, abandonment, boring, or other activities reasonably associated with the installation and abandonment of a groundwater well.”

If you are still encountering additional permits other than the Water Management District or delegated permitting authority, please contact the FGWA office directly at 850-205-5641.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY

**Q: How do I know if coursework has been pre-approved for CE credit?**

**A: The Florida Water Well Administrators Website is updated twice a week with pre-approved coursework offerings.** The FWWA has over 75 Providers that are located throughout the state of Florida and deliver numerous courses during the renewal cycle. The FWWA website provides information on course location, date and time, course content, coursework CE approval and contact information for all in-person and online approved coursework. For more information and a list of course offerings, visit [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org) and click on the Course Offerings tab.

As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R), no more than six (6) hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B) and you can receive a maximum of three (3) hours online.



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### *Upcoming Courses*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Hours/Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
Online	Various Courses	Various	Various	Online
Various	Water Well Contractors - Accounting	Gold Coast School of Construction, Inc.	6 S/B	Tamarac, FL

For a complete list of course offerings, visit the FWWA CE Website at [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org) and click the “Course Offerings” link. The courses are listed in order by date (online course offerings appear first on the list). The website is updated weekly with approved course offerings.

### **CEC by the Numbers for the 2015-2017 Renewal Cycle**

#### **CEC by the Numbers**

- Total number of individuals in the CEC Database: 1,178 (does not include deceased contractors)
  - Number of Active Licensed Water Well Contractors: 919
  - Number of Inactive contractors since August 1, 2013: 101
  - Number off Pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 158

#### **2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle Statistics**

- Licensed contractors that completed 12 CEC hours for the 2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle: 1
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CEC hours for the 2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle: 898
- Licensed contractors that have between 1 and 11 CECs for the 2015 – 2017 Cycle: 20

#### **Course Approval Information**

- Courses Offered Since the Beginning of the Program: 1,453
- Individually Titled Courses Offered Since August 1, 2015 to date: 13
- Total Courses offered since August 1, 2015 to date: 16 (includes online and multiple coursework offerings)
- Number of course hours available from August 1, 2015 to date: 78

*Statistics are as of October 26, 2015*

## **RULE 62-531.380, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (F.A.C.), DISPLAY OF WATER WELL CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBER**

Contractor's license number shall be continuously displayed in a conspicuous place on both sides of each piece of drilling equipment owned, leased, or operated by the contractor. The number shall be easily readable by a person with normal vision and shall be in a color which will contrast with its background. The number shall be presented in numerals not less than two inches high.

*Rulemaking Authority 373.043, 373.309, 373.337 FS. Law Implemented 373.323, 373.326, 373.329 FS. History—New 8-18-73, Amended 10-9-84, Formerly 17-20.06, 17-20.060, Amended 5-25-89, Formerly 17-531.380, Amended 6-22-14.*



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