



# Customer Pipeline

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

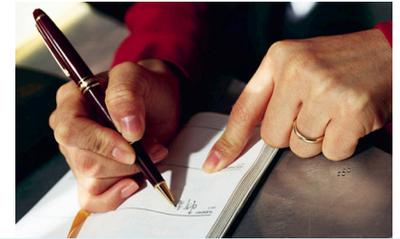
## New Ground Storage Tank to Serve Beulah Area

The newest additions to ECUA's water system infrastructure are a ground storage tank and pump station duo, strategically located at the south east corner of the Escambia County Equestrian Center on Mobile Highway.



The 2-million gallon capacity tank and 2,000-gallon-per-minute pump station will work to enhance the pressure and flow of potable water in the Beulah service area. Additionally, the presence of this storage tank will serve to accommodate the population growth

expected in this area in the next decade. Vision Construction Ent., Inc. of Pensacola was the general contractor on this \$2.4 million project, which is now complete. The tank and pump station were placed in service in mid-April.



## Mark Your Calendars!

ECUA offices will be closed on **Monday, May 26**, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



## Sanitation Schedule for the Memorial Day Holiday

There are **no changes** to the collection schedules for all Residential and Commercial customers.

All garbage, yard trash, recycling and commercial dumpster collections will be made on their regularly scheduled days.

**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!**

Underground lines, both on and off your property, can be easily damaged by digging equipment.

To ensure personal and community safety, all area utilities work with a free "line locator" service to help you spot utility lines before you dig. In our area, the number to call for this service is:

**1-800-432-4770**

It is important to call at least 48 hours in advance so that all of the utility companies affected by your project may be contacted for verification.

## Call Before You DIG



## ECUA Awarded 25<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting



On March 19, Mr. David Lister, of Saltmarsh, Cleaveland & Gund (SC&G), notified the ECUA Board and its Citizens' Advisory Committee that the Authority had received the prestigious "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" (CAFR) Award. The CAFR is granted by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), which is the preeminent professional association for the government finance sector.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program) in 1945 to encourage and assist state and

local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Reports submitted to the CAFR program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and the GFOA Special Review Committee (SRC), which comprises individuals with expertise in public-sector financial reporting and includes financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics, and other finance professionals.

Mr. Lister, SC&G shareholder in charge of the ECUA audit advised that "The 2013 reporting period was the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that ECUA has received the recognition, which is a very significant benchmark, and a significant accomplishment. It's one that reflects the commitment ECUA has as a Board and a staff, to both accurate financial reporting and to making sure that the organization is disclosing all the things that the public and customer base need to see. Further, this is a very noteworthy milestone to reach -- to have this awarded for 25 consecutive years."

Lister added, "It is not common for an organization of ECUA's size to receive the award in an uninterrupted manner, and is an accomplishment of which to be extremely proud. This certainly demonstrates a commitment to transparency and accurate financial reporting, and making sure the highest standards in financial reporting are met."

ECUA Executive Director, Stephen E. Sorrell added, "This is one of the best audits I've seen in my entire career. It is as clean and positive as you could possibly get. Further, it is a true telling of the transparency of the ECUA: that our accounting methods are meeting all government standards and that the financial position is very stable. The ECUA Board and the ECUA finance staff are to be complimented."



## Did You Know



The ECUA collected **(22.2 million pounds!)** of **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** through our HHW Recycling program on April 5. That's right, in just one day!

Not yet taken advantage of this free monthly service to ECUA residential sanitation customers? We would love to help you to dispose of HHW items in a safe and efficient way. Check out the list of what's accepted in our program on the ECUA website at:

[www.ecua.fl.gov/green/recycling](http://www.ecua.fl.gov/green/recycling)

The next 2 HHW pick-up days for ECUA residential sanitation customers are on:

**May 3 & June 7**

Call ECUA Customer Service at **476-0480** to request a free pick-up at your doorstep!

