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To: CSWEA Executive Committee
From: Rick Ashling, WEF Director '08
Dan Lynch, WEF Director '10
RE: WEF Director's Report
Date: December 5, 2007

Financial Report – Treasurer Chuck Weir reported that WEF continues on a sound financial path, meeting the goals of the Strategic Plan, and the policy of a 1% transfer to reserves. A 2008 budget of \$23 million was approved by the Board, in July 2007. Information: Mike Nutter, mnutter@wef.org

Strategic Plan Prioritization – The Board approved and issued an RFP for a consultant to work with the Board in 2008 to establish priorities for the current Strategic Plan and to develop an inclusive future planning process. Information: Phyllis Ross, pross@wef.org

Clean Water Central – The Board approved an expenditure of \$25,000 to fund two Clean Water Central projects, 1) Strategic Analysis and 2) Technical Survey. The projects are part of broader agreement that will provide for WEF to participate as a full partner with WERF and NACWA in Clean Water Central. The Board approved development of a Steering Committee of staff and members from the three organizations to oversee the growth and development of the system. Clean Water Central is a utility information database. Information: Eillen O'Neill, eoneill@wef.org

Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) – WEF holds a seat on the Board of the Water ISAC. Karen Pallansch of the Alexandria Sanitation Authority has completed one term as the WEF representative and was approved by the Board to serve a second term. Information: Jim Sullivan, jsullivan@wef.org

WEF Membership – A membership pricing resolution was approved by the Board, establishing pricing for the Executive Value Package at \$295. WEF membership continues to grow, with a 6.5% new membership growth rate and a 92% retention rate. Information: Jack Benson, jbenson@wef.org

Organizational Relationships Policy – A resolution was passed by the Board providing for establishing business relationships with other organizations.

Sustainability – The Sustainability Task Force reported to the Board that a Sustainability Specialty Conference, “Sustainability 2008: Green Practices for the Water Environment” is on schedule for June 22-25, 2008; the Sustainability Community of Practice identified five topical task forces including: Sustainable Utilities, Watershed Management, Industrial/Corporate

Approaches, Green Infrastructure & Stormwater, Energy Conservation & Climate Change.

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Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) – President Dahab briefed the Board on a September 18 news conference with Senator Barbara Boxer, WEF, and other WIN organizations, on infrastructure funding and reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. Dahab participated as the WEF representative. He reported that a WIN Executive Committee is being established and will be comprised of representatives of approximately eight organizations. Information: Tim Williams, twilliams@wef.org