

February 26, 2026

**Topic:** Water & Wastewater Standards Updates

**Audience:** Development Community

**Meeting Format:** Open to the Public

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### **Purpose of the Meeting**

JEA hosted an informational session to share ongoing work on Water & Wastewater (W/WW) Standards and to gather input from contractors, engineers, and developers. The meeting focused on increasing clarity, improving consistency, and building stronger communication between JEA and the development community.

### **Key Topics Covered**

#### **Safety & Meeting Tools**

- Safety procedures and exits reviewed
- Introduction to an online engagement tool used for live polling

#### **How Attendees Heard About the Meeting**

- Most common sources: SagesGov and industry word-of-mouth

#### **What Participants Want**

- Clearer, more accessible information about standards
- Regular updates on changes and improvement efforts

#### **Overview of JEA Standards Work**

- Cross-functional teams (Delivery & Collection, Pump Stations, Water Treatment Plants, Water Reclamation Facilities, Controls, and Meter Services) regularly review issues and propose improvements
- Efforts underway to correct confusing or inconsistent language in standards
- Planned updates to control panel suppliers
- Focus on improving online access to standards and upcoming event information

#### **Polling Highlights**

- Strong preference for **quarterly** meetings
- Top concerns: **clarity, consistency, conflict resolution, compliance expectations, and lifting/handling requirements**
- Highest business impact items: **Concrete /polymer structures, pipes, fittings, and valves.**
- Biggest schedule delays: **long material lead times** and **unique JEA requirements**
- 100% of attendees willing to share project impact data and recommend future meetings

#### **Community Feedback & Discussion Themes**

- Design inaccuracies leading to field rework (e.g., 3” & 4 “meter box and backflow preventer spacing) *JEA needs 14 ft clearance to work.*

- Conflicting manufacturer vs. JEA installation requirements for joint sealant. *JEA changing standards to installation per manufacturer specifications.*
- Need for clearer guidance on handling heavy precast structures. *JEA cannot control means and methods. JEA cannot accept damaged product at delivery or after installation.*
- Interest in developing shared best practices to reduce liability and improve safety for heavy precast structures.
- New liner materials and industry changes comparable to 50-year polymer warranty.
- Close out for DEP clearance is a struggle. Permitting and as-built processing delays affecting schedules
- Supply chain delays for specialized equipment (e.g. stainless-steel transfer switch)

### **JEA Follow-Up Commitments**

- Improve clarity and consistency within standards
- Explore best-practice documentation with industry partners for heavy precast structures
- Review material requirements and performance data
- Improve as-built and permitting workflows to reduce delays
- Continue testing new materials and methods through pilot projects

### **Next Steps**

- Next W/WW Standards Meeting scheduled for **May 2026**
- Event details will be posted on the JEA website under Events & Meetings
- Attendees encouraged to continue sharing feedback and participating in future sessions

### **Closing Message**

JEA appreciates the open dialogue and is committed to collaborating with the development community to improve standards, processes, and system performance.