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**WEF Donates \$10,000 to Hurricane Relief, Commits to Assist with Water Sector Recovery and Rebuilding**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Members and staff of the Water Environment Federation (WEF) continue to be extremely concerned about residents of Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and throughout the Caribbean impacted by the series of devastating hurricanes – Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

“Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by these incredible storms,” said Eileen O’Neill, Executive Director of WEF, “It is during dire circumstances like these that we see the incredibly tight-knit nature of the water community. WEF and its members are expressing concern and offering support for colleagues who are working to assist their neighbors and recover essential water services in impacted areas.”

The WEF Board has authorized a donation of \$10,000 towards hurricane relief efforts and is encouraging members who wish to support hurricane recovery to consider financial donations. Opportunities to donate to hurricane recovery are also being highlighted for attendees of Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) in Chicago on September 30 to October 4.

As the recovery from the hurricanes continues, WEF will monitor impacts on the water sector, assist any way the organization is able, advocate for needed assistance, and provide information to its membership.

To assist members affected by the recent hurricanes and by the earthquake in Mexico, WEF has extended the membership status for members from affected areas through the end of the year. WEF is also relaxing refund rules for WEFTEC registrants and exhibiting companies who are in the impacted areas.

“This will be a long recovery and rebuilding process. WEF members have developed expertise in disaster recovery and design of resilient systems as a result of Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, and other extreme weather events. Moving forward, WEF is committed to sharing this knowledge and experience to assist the affected communities,” O’Neill said.

### **Hurricane Harvey**

WEF encourages donations to the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) Hurricane Harvey relief fund, which is committed to meaningful and tangible support by equipping volunteer crew: [Donate to Hurricane Harvey relief](#).

### **Hurricane Irma**

WEF encourages donations for the relief effort for Hurricane Irma be made through the American Red Cross: [Donate to Hurricane Irma relief](#).

### **Hurricane Maria**

WEF encourages donations for the relief effort for Hurricane Maria to be made through the American Red Cross: [Donate to Hurricane Maria relief](#).

For information on WEF's ongoing work in water security and emergency response, including preparedness resources and activities for the water sector, visit the [Safety and Security web page](#).

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### **About WEF**

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 34,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals; enrich the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit [www.wef.org](http://www.wef.org).