

5TH ANNUAL FLORIDA RESILIENCE CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2026, SUNSEEKER RESORT, CHARLOTTE HARBOR



ADVANCING RESILIENCE - COLLABORATION IN ACTION

DRAFT-2026 Florida Resilience Conference

featuring the 69th FSBPA Annual Meeting

September 23-25, 2026 ♦ Sunseeker Resort ♦ Charlotte Harbor, FL

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Location: Great Egret A

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Opening General Session

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Moderator: Andy Studt, Chair, FSBPA and Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL

1:00 pm

Call to Order

Andy Studt, Chair, FSBPA and Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL and Invited Officer of Resiliency Florida

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (Invited)

1:15 pm

Opening Legislative Keynote: Florida's Environmental Outlook on Policy and Funding

Jim Boyd, Florida Senate, District 20, Parts of Hillsborough and Manatee counties (Invited)

1:35 pm

FDEP Updates on Florida's Resilience Efforts and Coastal Programs

Alexis Lambert, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL (Invited)

1:50 pm

Engineering Florida's Future: Navigation, Restoration, and Resilience

Colonel Brandon Bowman, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL

2:10 pm

The Value of Open Space to Resilience

Meredith Budd, Live Wildly Foundation and Invited Panelists

2:40 pm

Navigating the Tides of Public Opinion

Stacy Weller Ranieri, President and Chief Illuminator, The Firefly Group

3:00 pm

Professional Exchange Break – Ice Cream Social

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A1-a: SMART PLANNING

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Session A1-a: Smart Planning

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

3:30 pm

Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan: Engaging Communities to Shape Flood Resilience

- Katie Mastenbrook, Senior Wildlife Policy Specialist Gulf Program, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, VA
- Lara Milligan, Pinellas County Natural Resource Agent, UF/IFAS Extension, Tarpon Springs, FL
- Ashira Pelt, Senior Associate, Consensus Building Institute, Cambridge, MA
- Alana Todd, Principal Environmental Planner, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Pinellas Park, FL

4:00 pm

From Commissioner Chambers to Classrooms – Why Effective Climate Resilience Education, Public and Stakeholder Engagement Matters

- Hannah Hart, PMP, Florida-Gulf Department Manager, Resilience Solutions, Dewberry Engineers Inc., Orlando, FL
- Alexandra “Ali” Howerton, LEED Green Associate, Resilience Program Manager, Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL
- Troy Salisbury, MPA, AICP, Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Manager, Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL

4:30 pm

Building Back Smarter: A Three Phase Approach to Fort Myers Beach Resilience

Erica Harris, Climate Adaptation Leader and Joseph Webb, Associate Vice President, AECOM, Fort Myers, FL and Frankie Kropacek, Community Development Director, Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL

4:50 pm

Building Countywide Resilience: Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Vulnerability Assessment as the Foundation for Water Management in Charlotte County, Florida

Brandon Moody, Water Quality and Resiliency Manager, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, Punta Gorda, FL

5:10 pm

Development of a “Working with Nature: Flood Resilience Blueprint” for the Naples, FL Area

Carrie Schuman, PhD, Climate Resilience Advisor, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Naples, FL; Danielle Irwin MSc, CFM, PWS, WEDG, LEED AP, Associate Principal, Cummins Cederberg, Coral Gables, FL; and Thomas Ries, President, Ecosphere Restoration Institute, Largo, FL

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3:30 pm

Using Brownfields Remediation to Advance Smart Planning and Community Resilience: The Connor Park Redevelopment in Palmetto, Florida

- Elie G. Araj, PE, CFM, ENV SP, BC.WRE, President, Applied Sciences Consulting, LLC, Tampa, FL
- Joe Marsh, Senior Associate, Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Tampa, FL
- Matthew Pleasant, AICP, Planning Manager, Applied Sciences Consulting, Inc., Tampa, FL
- Kevin Yue, PE, CEP, Associate, Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Naples, FL

4:00 pm

Upper Barataria Terracing Project - An Affordable Approach to Combat Interior Marsh Deterioration

Kiara Horton, PE, Coastal Engineer and Matthew Salmon, PE, Senior Coastal Engineer, Freese and Nichols, New Orleans, LA

4:20 pm

From Code Change to Construction: How Regulatory Reform Enabled Living Seawalls in Miami Shores Village

Leonard Barrera Allen, Project Director, Cummins Cederberg, Coral Gables, FL and Andrew Valdes, Head of Sales, Kind Designs, Miami FL

4:40 pm

Miami-Dade County's Coastal Storm Risk Strategy: The Miami-Dade Back Bay CSRM Project and Beyond

Christian Kamrath, Resilience Program Manager, Miami-Dade County Office of Environmental Risk and Resilience, Miami, FL and Julie Grissett, EI, Coastal Associate, Moffatt & Nichol, Fort Lauderdale, FL

5:00 pm

Florida's Ports on the Frontlines: Advancing Resilience and Readiness in 2026

Moderator: Jenna N. Phillips, Associate Principal, Cummins Cederberg, Inc, Sarasota, FL

- Jose De Jesus, PE, Director of Engineering, Port Tampa
- John D. Glass Jr., PE, Deputy Director of Engineering and Construction, SeaPort Manatee (Invited)
- Helga Sommer, PE, PPM, Chief of Engineering, Port Miami

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Session A2: Smart Planning

8:00 am – 10:10 am

8:00 am

Professional Exchange Break – Morning Sunshine Break

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Applying an Innovative Compound Flood Model to Inform Resilience Planning and Projects in Jacksonville, FL

Anne Coglianese, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

8:50 am

Low Impact Development Incentives: A Practical Solution to the Resiliency Preemption Feedback Loop

Lily Galleo, Sustainability Planner, City of Titusville, FL

9:10 am

Scaling the Private Property Adaptation Tool: A Replicable Framework for Local Governments

Alec Bogdanoff, PhD, CEO, Brizaga, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Alan Dodd, PE, Director of Emergency Management/Utilities Department, City of Wilton Manors, Wilton Manors, FL; Molly Ferch, Environmental Sustainability Manager, City of Oakland Park, Oakland Park, FL; and Amy Knowles, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, FL

9:30 am

From Regional Planning to Street-Level Insights: Integrating Science-Based Flood Visualizations and Data into Northeast Florida's Smart Planning Framework

Andrew Prokopiak, Sr., Regional Resiliency Planner, Northeast Florida Regional Council, Jacksonville, FL and Dan Rizza, Director, Program on Sea Level Rise, Climate Central, Princeton, NJ

9:50 am

Resilient SRQ: Sarasota County's Plan for Recovery and Resiliency

Steve Hyatt, MBA, CPM, Division Manager, Resilient SRQ, Sarasota, FL

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10:40 am

Legal and Planning Challenges for Resiliency and Watershed Management

Erin L. Deady, PA, Delray Beach, FL

11:00 am

From Watershed Science to Statewide Policy—Advancing Resilience Through SB 302

Irela Bague, Director, Governments & Water Resilience, Black & Veatch, Coral Gables, FL and Lynette Cardoch, PhD, Director, Resilience & Adaptation, Moffatt & Nichol, Miami, FL

11:20 am

Statewide Resilience Grant Programs

- Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary, Ecosystem Restoration, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- John Irving, Environmental Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Hanna Tillotson, Program Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

11:50 am

Building Florida's Resilient Future

- Gustavo Fusaro, PMP, PMO-CP, PMO, Growth Leader, AtkinsRealis
- Eddy Bouza, Florida's Chief Resilience Officer, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Laura Dhuwe, PMP, State Hazard Mitigation Officer and Chief of Mitigation, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tallahassee, FL
- Steven Fielder, Chief Business Officer, Florida Department of Financial Services, Tallahassee, FL

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Embedding Resilience Within an Agency Program - Lessons from a USACE/DOW Multi-Hazard Risk Analysis in Puerto Rico

Michael Flood, Resilience Lead - State and Local Government Sector, WSP, Washington, DC

8:50 am

Enhancing Coastal Planning and Resilience with NOAA's Sea Level Calculator

Matthew Pendleton, GISP, Southeast & Caribbean Regional Geospatial Coordinator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, Charleston, SC

9:10 am

Sensors to Strategy: Scaling Hyperlocal Flood Monitoring into Florida's Resilience Planning Framework

Brian Glazer, CEO, Hohonu, Inc., Honolulu, HI

9:30 am

A Practical Look at Cultural Resources and Risk in Coastal Projects

Francis Stankiewicz, Director-Underwater Program, Chronicle Heritage, Pensacola, FL and Bas Coolen, Commercial Director Europe, Chronicle Heritage, Netherlands, Europe

9:50 am

One Water, One Message: Making One Water Make Sense Through Policy, Funding, and People

Kelly Flowers Hass, Marketing & Strategic Engagement Leader, Jones Edmunds, Alachua, FL

10:10 am

Recovery to Resiliency: Lessons from Three Storms Shaping Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning in Tampa Bay

Diane Quigley AICP, CFM, Risk and Resilience Senior Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Tallahassee, FL and Katie Shannon, AICP, CNU, LEED GA, Senior Community Planner, VHB, Orlando, FL

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Session B1: Beaches

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To Fill or Not to Fill, “When” is the Question?

Matthew Logan, Project Manager, Charlotte County Public Works, Punta Gorda, FL and Michael Poff, PE, President, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc, Bonita Springs, FL

3:50 pm

Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

- Greg Garis, Program Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Patrick Snyder, PE, CFM, Chief, Shore Protection Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL
- Andy Studt, Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management, West Palm Beach, FL

4:20 pm

Estero Island Beach Nourishment and Hurricane Recovery

Chadd Chustz, Marine Operations Project Manager, Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL

4:40 pm

Lovers Key and Bonita Beach Nourishment and Hurricane Recovery

- Chuck Broussard, Vice President, Weeks Marine, Covington, LA
- Mike Campbell, Project Manager, Lee County Natural Resources Division, Fort Myers, FL
- Michael Poff, President, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Bonita Springs, FL

5:10 pm

Coastal Resiliency Design and Implementation Following Multiple Major Storm Impacts in Naples Florida

Brett Moore, PE, President, Mohamed Dabees, PhD, PE, Vice President, and Sophia Gutierrez, Coastal Geologist, Humiston & Moore Engineers, Naples, FL

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8:00 am – 10:10 am

8:00 am

Professional Exchange Break – Morning Sunshine Break

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8:30 am

Sand, Ships, and Solutions

Jason Harrah, Chief, Water Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL

8:50 am

Florida Statewide Beach Management Funding Program Updates

John Irving, Environmental Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

9:10 am

Stakeholders Shaping Shorelines: How Indian River County Makes Coastal Management Work

Quintin Bergman, Coastal Resource Manager, Indian River County, Vero Beach, FL and Nicole Filipow, PE, Coastal Engineer, Taylor Engineering, Jacksonville, FL

9:30 am

408 without the Heartbreak

Will Reilly, PE, Chief, Waterways Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL

9:50 am

The FEMA Public Assistance Roadmap: Key Steps and Compliance Requirements

Collin Kenline, FCCM, Public Assistance – Grant Manager Team Lead, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tallahassee, FL (Invited) and Hamza Sattar, FCCM, Programmatic Reviewer & EHP Specialist, Bureau of Recovery, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tallahassee, FL (Invited)

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Resilient Reef Initiatives

- Alex Reed, Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Curt Storlazzi, PhD, Research Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal & Marine Hazards & Resources Program, Santa Cruz, CA

11:10 am

Franklin 98 Living Shoreline

Brian Branciforte, Environmental Planning Manager, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Tallahassee, FL

11:30 am

Reconstructing Ben T. Davis Beach: Engineering, Ecology, and Public Life at an Urban Shoreline

Brian Cook, PLA, Director of Urban Design and Resilience, Applied Sciences Consulting, Tampa, FL and Ping Wang, PhD, Professor and Director of the Coastal Research Laboratory, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

11:50 am

Protecting Tampa's History: Philippe Park Living Shoreline Project

Bryan Flynn, PE, Program Manager, Environmental Science Associates, Tampa, FL

12:10 pm

Annual FSBPA Membership Meeting

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Multi-Benefit Resiliency in West Galveston Bay

Rhett Blackmon, Vice President – Federal Programs and Chris Frabotta, Vice President – Federal Programs, Callan Marine, Galveston, TX

8:50 am

How Human Infrastructure Threatens Biodiversity by Squeezing Sandy Coasts

Christine Angelini, Vice President, Environmental Advisory Services, AECOM, Orlando, FL

9:10 am

When Seaweed Meets the Shore: Bacteria, Arsenic, and Beach Decisions in South Florida

Afeefa Abdool-Ghany, PhD, Senior Water Resource Engineer, WSP, Sunrise, FL

9:30 am

Coastal Resilience through WeRestore a Co-working model of Collaborative and Community-Driven Marine Restoration

Dr. Shelby Thomas, CEO and Founder and Dr. David Weinstein, Board Member and Director of Science, Ocean Rescue Alliance International and Coastal Resilience Solutions, Apollo Beach, FL

9:50 am

Shaping the Shoal: Lake Worth Inlet Flood Shoal Dredging

Ian Eyeington, Operations Director, Florida Inland Navigation District, Jupiter FL and Gina Chiello, Associate Principle, Cummins Cederberg, Inc., Jupiter, FL

10:10 am

Cedar Key Marina Revitalization and Coastal Protection: Building Resilience for an Exposed Historic Working Waterfront

Jackie Brower, PhD, PE, Senior Coastal Engineer, Kimley-Horn, Jacksonville, FL

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3:30 pm

Statewide Resilience Initiatives

Eddy Bouza, Chief Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

3:50 pm

Building a Community-Driven Coastal Watershed Resilience Plan to Maximize Flood and Wildlife Benefits in Miami Dade County

- Robert Colón, MLA, WEDG, Resilience Coordinator, Miami-Dade County, Miami, FL
- Ana Carolina Coelho Maran, PhD, PE, Division Director, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL
- Roberto Rovira, RLA, Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL,
- Tiffany Troxler, PhD, CFM, Associate Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL

4:20 pm

Bayshore Drive 17 AC Boardwalk: Ecological Restoration, Performative Infrastructure and Public Open Space

- Kevin Mangan, PLA, Senior Principal, Landscape Architect, Stantec, Naples, FL
- Brian Galligan, Vice President of Horticulture, Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, FL
- Tami Scott, Project Manager II, Collier County Florida, Community Redevelopment Area, Naples, FL
- Christopher Stevens, PWS, Owner, Senior Ecologist, Natives of Corkscrew, LLC/Native Plant Nursery + Environmental Services, Buckingham, FL

4:50 pm

Trees as Infrastructure: Leveraging Mitigation Funds to Build Community Resilience

Tanner Haid, Senior Director, Urban Forestry Field Delivery, American Forests, Washington, DC and Brian Knox, Senior Forester Examiner, Development and Economic Opportunity, City of Tampa, FL

5:10 pm

Managed Retreat to Address Extreme Weather, Natural Hazards, and Climate Impacts

Chris Dorney, PhD, Vice President, WSP, Ephrata, PA and Arthriya Subgranon, PhD, Consultant, WSP, Gainesville, FL

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D2: INFRASTRUCTURE

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A Practical Guide for Coastal Resilience

- Catherine Prince, Vice President, WSP USA, Miami, FL
- Greg Corning, PE, Assistant Vice President, Civil Engineer, WSP, Bradenton, FL

9:00 am

A Blueprint for Florida's Waters – Building a Resilient Crystal River Community

- Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary, Ecosystem Restoration, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner, District 4, Citrus County, Inverness, FL
- Ryan Brushwood, Chief Solutions Officer, Sea & Shoreline LLC, Ruskin, FL
- Lisa Moore, President, Save Crystal River, Crystal River, FL

9:30 am

Reclaiming the Coast: Nature Based Infrastructure at Kracker Avenue

Steven Collins, PhD, PE, CERP, Ecological Engineer, Black & Veatch, Orlando, FL

9:50 am

Building Nature-Based Solutions for Seagrass

Rebecca Prado, Coastal Resilience Lead, Moffatt & Nichol, Tallahassee, FL and Dr. Dominique Gallery, Mote Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL

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D3: INFRASTRUCTURE

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City of Jacksonville Beach Integrated Water

Kayle Moore, PE, City Engineer, City of Jacksonville Beach, Jacksonville Beach, FL and Amy Tracy, Associate Vice President, Dewberry, Jacksonville, FL

11:00 am

Adapting Wastewater Infrastructure to Sea-Level Rise and Storm Events

Garrett Wilhelm, EI, ENV SP, Project Engineer, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Tampa, FL

11:20 am

Permitting Should Be Easier! Golden Gate Adaptation Story

Amy Eason, PE, Environmental Resource Engineer, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, Stuart, FL

11:40 am

From Maps to Money: Turning Vulnerability Assessments into Fundable, Permittable, and Buildable Projects

Lara Wakefield, ENV SP, Resilience Specialist, APTIM, Tampa, FL and Ashley Bernal, Assistant Town Manager, Town of Bellair, FL

12:00 pm

Whiteboard to Waterfront: Lessons from Shoreline Protection in Hollywood

Chris Roschek, Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Hollywood, Hollywood, FL and Penny Cutt, Senior Director, Cummins Cederberg, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL

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Treasure Island Living Shoreline & Seawall Enhancement Project

Carlos Andres Rivera, Coastal Engineer, Environmental Science Associates, Clearwater, FL

8:50 am

Power BI Dashboards Inform and enhance SFWMD's Flood Protection Level of Service Assessment of Eastern Palm Beach County

Charlotte Haberstroh, PhD, PE, Water Resources Engineer, Black & Veatch, Tampa, FL and Seyed ("Haji") Mirzaie, PhD, PE, ENV SP, Principal Engineer, Water Resources & Systems Modeling (WRSM) Bureau, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL

9:10 am

When the Water Recedes: Turning Disaster into Dollars

Alycia Ciresi, PE, ENV SP, Civil Engineer, Kimley-Horn, St. Petersburg, FL

9:30 am

Funding the Green - Providing Resilience

Emily Ayers, Funding Support Project Assistant, Mead & Hunt, Tampa, FL and Sheryl Parsons, Regional Funding Leader, Mead & Hunt, Port Orange, FL

9:50 am

Measuring the Economic Value of Coastal Ecosystem Services and Restoration in the Indian River Lagoon System

Cortney Cortez, Senior Economist, The Balmoral Group, Winter Park, FL

10:10 am

Building Lagoon Resilience Through Innovative Muck Capping: Design and Permitting for the Cocoa Beach Muck Project

Walker Dawson, PE, Sr. Project Manager, Applied Ecology, Inc, Melbourne, FL and Jim Langenbach, PE, BCEE, Principal Engineer, Geosyntec Consultants, Titusville, FL

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Building Resilient Infrastructure Faster: How the Corp of Engineers is Modernizing with RAPID Planning and Streamlined Environmental Compliance

Gretchen Ehlinger, PhD, Coastal and Navigation Environmental Branch Chief, US Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, Jacksonville FL

Navigating Endangered Species Act Compliance for Coastal Projects: Updates to Key Programmatic Biological Opinions

Kristen Donofrio, Chief, Coastal and Navigation NEPA Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL

11:30 am

Statewide Resilience and Regulatory Updates

- Lainie Edwards, PE, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Tim Rach, Program Administrator, Division of Water Resources, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Devin Resko, Environmental Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

12:00 pm

Water Management Districts: The Importance of Resilience Planning for Florida's Water Future

Moderator: Ann Shortelle, PhD, Senior Scientist, Bio-Tech Consulting

- Carolina Maran, PhD, PE, Division Director, Flood Control and Water Supply Planning Chief of District Resiliency, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL
- Leroy Marshal, PE, PMP, CRM, Director, Resource Management & Projects Division, Suwannee River Water Management District, Live Oak, FL
- Mary-Margaret Hull, PMP, APR, Senior Planner / Resilience Coordinator, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville, FL
- John Crowe, Jr, Chief, Bureau of Hydrologic Assessment, Resilience, and Response, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Havana, FL
- Thomas Frick, Chief Resilience Officer, St Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL

12:30 pm

Conference Adjourns