2024 Florida Resilience Conference

featuring the 67th FSBPA Annual Meeting

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Wednesday, September 11

Session: B1-Beaches

3:25 pm - 5:25 pm

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Navigating the Storm: Emergency Repair and Funding Strategies for Florida's Beaches

Steve Boutelle, Marine Operations Manager, Lee County, Fort Myers, FL; Alex Reed, Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL; and Dana Souza, City Manager, City of Bonita Beach, FL

3:55 pm

Sanibel Island Beach/Dune Restoration Program post Hurricane Ian

Brett Moore, P.E., D.CE, President, Humiston and Moore, Naples, FL

4:15 pm

Recent Updates on FEMA Beach Projects

Bob Glassen, Beach Specialist, Public Assistance Division, FEMA Region IV, Tallahassee, FL

4:35 pm

Managing Byproducts of Screened Sand on Beach Nourishment Projects in Florida

Moderator: Lisa Armbruster, Beach Management Consultant, Bay County Tourist Development Council, Panama City Beach, FL

- Jennifer Bucatari, Oceanographer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Sterling, VA
- Gregory Garis, Program Administrator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- William Reilly, P.E., Chief, Waterways Branch, USACE Jacksonville District, FL
- Andrew Studt, Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County, FL

5:25 pm

Adjourn

6:15-7:15 pm

Welcome Reception

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Thursday, September 12

Session: B2-Beaches

8:30 am-10:10 am

7:45 am

Professional Exchange Break

8:30 am

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District Commander's Update

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

8:50 am

Perpetual Easements in Federal Beach Projects: Balancing Requirements and Local Government Concerns

- Charlie Hunsicker, Director, Manatee County, Bradenton, FL
- Mike McGarry, Beaches Boating & Waterways Program Manager, Brevard County, Viera, FL
- Milan Mora, PE, Chief, Water Resources Branch, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

9:20 am

Beach Management Trends & Updates from the State Perspective

Lainie Edwards, PhD, Deputy Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

9:40 am

State Strategies for Effective Use of Sand Resources at Florida Inlets

- Al Browder, PhD, PE, Vice-President, Olsen Associates, Jacksonville, FL
- Jessica Garland, Coastal Program Manager, Martin County, Stuart, FL
- William "Guy" Weeks, Planning Manager, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

10:10 am

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Session: B3-Beaches

10:40 am-12:10 pm

10:40 am

The Recreational and Economic Value of Florida Beaches

James Houston, PhD, Director Emeritus, Engineer Research and Development Center, Corps of Engineers, Ponte Vedra, FL

11:00 am

Sea Turtle Nesting on Florida's Managed Beaches: What Have We Learned?

Robbin Trindell, PhD, Biological Admistrator, Imperiled Species Management, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Tallahassee, FL

11:25 am

Conserving Florida's Underwater Treasures: Coral Reefs and Aquatic Preserves

Alex Reed, Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

11:45 am

USACE Jacksonville District's Role in Imperiled Species Management for Coastal Projects, Highlighting the Recently Designated Queen Conch

Gretchen Ehlinger, PhD, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Policy Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, FL

12:05 pm

Annual Membership Meeting

12:10 pm

Session Adjourns

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Luncheon

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Get Off Of My Beach - A Customary Use Update

Diana Ferguson, Shareholder, Rutledge Ecenia, Tallahassee, FL; and David Theriaque, Esquire, Theriaque & Spain, Tallahassee, FL

9:10 am

Estero Island Beach Nourishment and Hurricane Recovery

Michael Poff, PE, President, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Bonita Springs, FL and Chadd Chustz, Environmental Project Manager, Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL

9:30 am

Southwest Florida's Coastal Vulnerabilities Revealed by Impacts from Hurricane Ian: Lessons for Building Resilience Capacity

Michael Savarese, PhD, Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL

9:50 am

Evaluating beach dune vegetation loss and regeneration following Hurricane Ian

Jeannine Richards, PhD, Assistant Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL

10:10 am

Professional Exchange Break