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Daniel DeLisi is a certified land use planner, mediator and lobbyist with nearly 20 years of experience in zoning, land development regulations, water policy and environmental restoration. He is currently the President of DeLisi, Inc., a consulting firm with both public and private sector clients specializing in finding creative solutions to implement complex land development and environmental restoration projects.

For private sector clients, DeLisi regularly processes land use entitlements for developers and agricultural companies throughout Florida. He has served as an expert witness in land use and environmental planning in local administrative forums, circuit court and before the Public Service Commission.

For his public sector clients, DeLisi has led planning and visioning projects, consensus building efforts and policy initiatives throughout the State and is engaged as a water and environmental policy advisor for several local governments. He has drafted comprehensive plan policies, land development regulations, changes to Florida Statute and lobbied for legislative appropriations.

From March 2013 through September 2015 DeLisi served as the Chief of Staff for the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), an agency of over 1,500 full time employees and a FY 15 budget of approximately \$720 million. Over the course of his tenure, his responsibilities increased from overseeing the external affairs of the agency to managing all internal mission support functions, real estate acquisition and legislative affairs.

Prior to his move to the SFWMD, DeLisi was involved in various Florida policy committees on the State and Local level. In 2011 he was appointed by the Governor of Florida to serve on the South Florida Water Management Governing Board and was the Chair of the Big Cypress Basin Board. He also served on the Florida Impact Fee Review Task Force (appointed by the Speaker of the House); the Lee County Local Planning Agency; and the CREW Land and Water Trust.

In addition, DeLisi has served as an adjunct faculty member in Planning at Florida Gulf Coast and Nova Southeastern Universities and has given invited presentations on land use and development issues at numerous conferences throughout the United States. He is the author of several articles on topics that include community visioning, conflict resolution and long range planning, published by the EarthPledge Foundation, Harvard Law School, and the MIT Cooperative Mobility Project.

DeLisi received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University and a Masters in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He relocated to Fort Myers, Florida in 2000 where he held positions as a planning consultant and a director of planning for a nationally recognized real estate developer. In 2006 he founded DeLisi Fitzgerald, Inc., a land use planning and civil engineering company based in Southwest Florida, where he remained a partner until moving to the SFWMD in 2013.