

25^h Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference
HERE WE GROW AGAIN: THE FUTURE OF WATER RESOURCES IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
January 15, 2016, Cohen Center Ballroom, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida

Technical Program

- 7:50 Welcoming Remarks. Dr. Wilson Bradshaw**, President, Florida Gulf Coast University
- 8:00 Session A: Growth and Water Resources: Lessons from Florida, the U.S., and the World**
- WETPLAN - Developing a Measurable & Effective Public Outreach Program.***
Liz Donley, JD, Deputy Director, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program; and **Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, EdD**, Pond Watch Coordinator, Lee County Hyacinth Control District
- Can Upstream Anthropogenic Activities Reshape the Tidal Influence on a Downstream Wetland, Alice Alonso***, PhD candidate, University of Florida; winner, Florida section AWRA Sanford Young Scholarship; and winner, AWRA nationwide Herbert Award for Outstanding Graduate Student
- Urban Stream Restoration for TMDL Requirements in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. John Kiefer, PhD, PE, PWS***, Principal Engineer – Water Resources, Amec Foster Wheeler, Inc.
- Protecting Environmental Resources While Providing Water Supply for the Tampa Bay Region, Robert McConnell***, Environmental Program Manager, Tampa Bay Water
- Integrated Water Resources Planning for Collier County's Growing Population. David Wilkison, PE***, Collier County Growth Management; and **G. George Yilmaz, PhD, PE, PH, REP**, Collier County Utilities
- 10:05 Session B: AWRA Florida Student Research Poster Contest and Networking Break**
- 11:15 Session C: Panel - Water and Growth in Southwest Florida**
Matt Feeney, Public Works Director, City of Bonita Springs
Doug Meurer, PE, Assistant County Manager, Lee County
Brent Setchell, PE, District Environmental Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 1
Richard Thompson, PE, Stormwater Resource Manager, City of Fort Myers
G. George Yilmaz, PhD, PE, PH, REP, Collier County Utilities
- 12:15 Lunch Served**
- 12:45 Keynote Speaker: Statewide Water Resources Planning. Steven Dwinell**, Director of the Office of Water Policy, Florida Department of Agriculture
- 1:40 Break – Move to Room CC214**
- 2:00 Session D: Where is Florida Going? – Current Issues, Future Outlook**
- FDOT Regional Stormwater Management Solutions and Best Management Practices. Brent Setchell, PE***, District Environmental Permitting Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 1
- Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) - Ongoing Projects and Future Outlook. Larry Gerry***, Principal Scientist, South Florida Water Management District
- Crucial Water Issues in the Upcoming 2016 Legislative Session. Luna Phillips, Esq.***, Shareholder, Gunster; ***and Elizabeth Ross, Esq.***, Of Counsel, Gunster
- 3:15 Networking Break**
- 3:30 Announcement of Student Research Poster Contest Winners**
- 3:35 Networking Reception**
Overlooking FGCU's multi-use, eco-friendly wetland restoration storm water system.

Organized by The SWFWRC Steering Committee, a collaboration of the following Host Institutions:

American Water Resources Assn. – Florida section; American Society of Civil Engineers – Southwest Florida Branch; Audubon of Southwest Florida; Caloosahatchee River Citizens Assn.; Florida Gulf Coast University; Florida Engineering Society, Calusa Chapter; Real Estate Investment Society; Southwest Florida Watershed Council; SW Florida Association of Environmental Professionals.