



FLORIDA

Water Forum 2024

DECEMBER 5-6 • Rosen Shingle Creek • Orlando

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

GENERAL SESSION Business Casual

Open to Conference Registrants
Location: Sebastian J Ballroom, Rosen Shingle Creek
Time: 11:00 am Registration/ Check-in Opens
Lunch on your own

1:00 pm **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**
Speakers: Brewster Bevis, Associated Industries of Florida
Commissioner Wilton Simpson, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Forum Moderator: Honorable Bobby Payne, Bobby Payne Consulting, LLC

1:40 pm **WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT**
Moderator: Robert Williams, Lewis Longman & Walker
Speakers: Brian Armstrong, SW Florida Water Management District
JP Fraites, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Dan Levy, AECOM
Irene Quincey, Pavese Law Firm

2:20 pm **NATIONAL WATER INDUSTRY TRENDS**
Speaker: Melissa Meeker, The Water Tower

2:40 pm **EVERGLADES RESTORATION AND LAKE OKEECHOBEE**
Moderator: Irela Bagué, Black & Veatch
Speakers: Ernie Barnett, Florida Land Council
Greg Knecht, The Nature Conservancy
Melissa Meeker, The Water Tower

3:20 pm **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE BUDGET**
Moderator: Honorable Bobby Payne, Bobby Payne Consulting, LLC
Speakers: Natalie Fausel, Anfield Consulting
Angela Knecht, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Megan Ross, Kiewit Water Facilities
Monica Wallis, Destin Water Users, Inc.
Lisa Wilson-Davis, City of Boca Raton



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4:10 pm **SMART WATERSHEDS**
 Moderator: Representative Toby Overdorf
 Speakers: Greg Knecht, The Nature Conservancy
 Dr. Mark Rains, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 Mike Register, St. Johns River Water Management District

4:50 pm **FLORIDA'S WATER QUALITY CHALLENGES**
 Moderator: Senator Stan McClain
 Speakers: Jessica Kramer, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 Joe Ullo, Carlton Fields

5:30 pm **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

6:30 pm **SPONSORS' VIP DINNER @ Cala Bella**
(Gold & Silver Sponsors Only)

8:00 pm **DESSERT RECEPTION IN PRESIDENTIAL SUITE**
(Sponsors Only)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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Open to Conference Registrants
Location: Sebastian J Ballroom, Rosen Shingle Creek

7:30 am Breakfast Buffet Available

8:30 am **WELCOME BACK**

8:35 am **FLORIDA WATER POLICY UPDATE**
 Moderator: Larry Sellers, Holland & Knight
 Speakers: Laura Donaldson, Manson Bolves Donaldson Tanner
 Alexandria Kernan, Gunster
 Greg Knecht, The Nature Conservancy

9:20 am **PRESENTATION BY EVANS PROPERTIES**
 Speaker: Robert Taylor, Jr., Hazen and Sawyer



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9:40 am ***BREAKING NEW GROUND – POTABLE REUSE, ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY,
AND FLORIDA'S ONE WATER VISION***

Moderator: Dr. Ann Shortelle, Bio-Tech Consulting

Speakers: Robert Beltran, Dewberry
Gary Hubbard, City of Winter Haven Water Department
Kerry Kates, Orange County Utilities

10:30 am ***2025 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW***

Moderator: Jon Steverson, Holland & Knight

Speakers: Representative Randy Maggard
Honorable Bobby Payne, Bobby Payne Consulting, LLC

11:10 am ***WATER POLICY AND RESILIENCE: PROTECTING FLORIDA'S COASTAL AND
INLAND COMMUNITIES***

Moderator: David Rathke, Resiliency Florida

Speakers: Eddy Bouza, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Dr. Wes Brooks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Byron Burrows, TECO
Kevin Carter, Broward County Water & Wastewater Services

11:50 am ***CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURN***