



Cooperative Solutions:

working together to address
water challenges

2017 Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference

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Conference Committee Announces Registration for 26th Annual Water Resources Conference “Cooperative Solutions: Working Together to Address Water Challenges”

Ft Myers, FL -- The Steering Committee of the Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference is pleased to announce the lineup of speakers for this year's conference, held at **Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Center Ballroom, Fort Myers, FL on January 13, 2017.**

This year's theme “**Cooperative Solutions: Working Together to Address Water Challenges**” recognizes our region's need for all elements of society to cooperate in the pursuit of actions that will improve our water systems and environment. The conference will showcase how agencies, engineering firms, and non-profit organizations have worked together and can continue to join forces on specific projects and larger initiatives. As always, we have arranged for presentations by some of the leading experts in water resources, and will include some of the top decision-makers responsible for water resource planning and management in Southwest Florida, the State and the Nation. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. Sessions will conclude around 4:30 p.m. and will be followed by a networking social.

The conference brings together researchers, managers, agency staff, consultants, and other interested parties to discuss ongoing technical and social research and innovative projects, to share ideas, and to increase awareness of the issues of water supply, water use efficiency, waterbody protection, watershed health, and environmental sustainability facing Florida.

As has become its tradition, the conference is Florida's premier student poster contest for water resources students statewide. Cash prizes are offered for the best research posters, with first, second, and third-place awards in two divisions, graduate students and undergraduate/high school students.



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Topic Sessions include:

- **Successful Cooperative Projects / Realities of Cooperative Projects**
- **Regional Cooperative Approach to Water Management Projects - *Carol Collier, Drexel University: Chesapeake Bay Cooperative Programs for Water Management Improvement, Keynote Speaker***
- **Blueprints for Cooperative Projects**

Advance registration is recommended. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. Sessions will conclude around 4:30 p.m. and will be followed by a networking social. The full technical program and other details are available at www.SWFWRC.org.

For twenty-six years, the Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference has provided outstanding opportunities to share cutting-edge technical information, exchange views from a wide range of diverse perspectives, and engage the community of water resources expertise in our region. This past year the conference drew over 200 attendees who represented a broad section of scientists, engineers, geologists, natural resources managers, jurists, and other professionals involved in both the public and private sectors.

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Conference Host Organizations:

American Society of Civil Engineers Southwest Florida Branch
American Water Resources Association Florida Section
Audubon of Southwest Florida
Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association, Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate
Florida Association of Environmental Professionals
Florida Engineering Society Calusa Chapter
Florida Gulf Coast University
Real Estate Investment Society
Southwest Florida Watershed Council

Photo Captions:

Students and professionals experience presentations by some of the leading experts in water resources and some of the top decision-makers responsible for water resource planning and management in Southwest Florida, the State, and the Nation.

Students showcase their research at the Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference.