

**27th Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference**  
**THE CHANGING CLIMATE OF FUNDING AND REGULATION**  
**February 2, 2018**  
**The Club at Pelican Preserve, Fort Myers, Florida**

**8:00 Registration**

**8:30 Welcoming Remarks**

*Welcome and Sponsors Recognitions: **KELLIE CLARK, PE**, Kimley Horn (Co-host: American Water Resources Association)*  
*Opening Comments: **JEREMY MCBRYAN, PE**, Florida Section AWRA President (Co-host: American Water Resources Assoc.)*  
*Introduction: **AMANDA ELLSWORTH** (Co-host: Florida Gulf Coast University)*  
*Speaker: **MICHAEL MARTIN, PhD**, Florida Gulf Coast University President*

**8:50 Session A: Drivers of Regulation**

*Moderator: **KAREN MILLER, GHD** (Co-host: Real Estate Investment Society)*  
A1: Flood Insurance Costs – A Small Business Perspective. **JACKI LISZAK**, Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce  
A2: National Flood Insurance Program. **CHRISTOPHER HEIDRICK, ANFI**, Heidrick & Co. Insurance & Risk Management  
A3: The Role of National Flood Insurance and the Community Rating System in Flood Mitigation for Local Agencies. **DON DUKE, PhD**, FGCU  
A4: Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Implications for Regulation. **ERIN DEADY, Esq.**, Deady Law PA

**10:20 Session B: Student Research Poster Contest and Networking Break**

*Faculty Coordinator: **DON DUKE, PhD**, (Co-host: Florida Gulf Coast University)*

**11:20 Session C: Design and Funding**

*Moderator: **JOHN CAPECE, PhD**, Southern DataStream (Co-host: Calusa Waterkeeper)*  
C1: Implications of Changing Hydrological Statistics for Water Management. **JAYANTHA OBEYSEKERA, PhD**, SFWMD  
C2: Environmental Policy Performance Bonds. **ROCK ABOUJAOUDE, JR.** University of Florida.  
C3: Funding for the Florida Harmful-Algal-Bloom Task Force. **JOHN CASSANI**, Calusa Waterkeeper

**12:50 Lunch with a Student**

*Professional Coordinator: **SALLY GOLDMAN**, GradyMinor (Co-host: Florida Engineering Society)*  
*Student Coordinator: **YILIANNIS RODRIGUEZ**, FGCU AWRA Student Chapter*

**1:20 Keynote Address: The Swamp a Decade Later**

*Introduction by: **WIN EVERHAM, PhD**, (Co-host: Florida Gulf Coast University)*  
*Speaker: **MICHAEL GRUNWALD**, Journalist & Author of The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise.*

**2:00 Session D: Performance of regional water systems during and after during Hurricane Irma**

*Moderator: **RON EDENFIELD, PE**, RMEC (Co-host: American Water Resources Association)*  
D1: Hurricane Impacts on Native Ecosystems. **WIN EVERHAM, PhD**, FGCU  
D2: Resource Needs of Private Well Owners Impacted by Extreme Flooding Events. **ANDREA ALBERTIN, PhD**, UF/IFAS  
D3: Stormwater: Importance of Preventative Maintenance. **AMANDA ELLSWORTH**, FGCU  
D4: Historic Flowway Restoration. **JOSHUA EVANS, PE**, J.R. Evans Engineering

**4:00 Announcement of Student Research Poster Contest Winners**

*Awards Presenter: **DON DUKE, PhD**, (Co-host: Florida Gulf Coast University)*

**4:10 Break**

**4:20 Session E: World Wetlands Day Panel**

*Moderator: **DAN VANNORMAN** (Co-host: Audubon of Southwest Florida)*  
E1: **WILLIAM MITSCH, PhD**, FGCU, Director of Everglades Wetland Research Park  
E2: **ARIEL LUGO, PhD**, USDA Forest Service, Director of the International Institute of Tropical Forestry  
E3: **LI ZHANG, PhD**, FGCU, Assistant Director of Everglades Wetland Research Park

**5:30 Networking Reception**

*Welcome and Sponsors Appreciation: **RON EDENFIELD, PE**, RMEC (Co-host: American Water Resources Association)*