

26th Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference
COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS: WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS WATER CHALLENGES
January 13, 2017
Cohen Center Ballroom, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida

7:30 Registration

8:30 Welcoming Remarks

Introduction – *Dr. Don Duke*, Professor of Environmental Studies, Florida Gulf Coast University
Speaker: *Dr. Wilson Bradshaw*, President, Florida Gulf Coast University

8:40 Session A: Successful Cooperative Projects

Moderator: *Jon Wadas, Johnson Engineering*
Why Cooperation Matters and Works - Dan DeLisi, DeLisi, Inc.
History of the SWFWRC Cooperative Model - Karen Miller, GDH Services, and Dr. John Capece, Southern DataStream
Brighton Valley Regional Water Quality Project – Noah Handley, Lykes Bros. Inc.
Water Management District Governance Models – Woody Wodraska, Wodraska Partners, Inc.
Overview of Federal, State, & Regional Grant Opportunities – Trina Vielhauer, DEP

10:45 Session B: Student Research Poster Contest and Networking Break

Faculty Coordinator: *Dr. Don Duke*, Student Coordinator: *Derek Anderson*

12:00 Session C: Panel – Realities of Cooperative Projects

Moderator: *Ron Edenfield, RMEC*
Collier County Habitat Conservation Plan – Kenneth McDonald, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Babcock Ranch Development – Amy Wicks, Kimley-Horn
20/20 Program Community Cooperation – Ray Judah, Former Lee County Commissioner
Southeast Coast Climate Compact – Rhonda Haag, Monroe County

1:00 Lunch with a Student

Professional Coordinator: *Eric Isern, GHD Services*
Student Coordinator: *Cory Liang, FGCU Environmental Studies*

1:40 Keynote: Example of a Regional Cooperative Approach to Water Management Projects

Introduction by: *Karen Miller, GDH*
Speaker: *Dr. Carol Collier, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University:*
The Delaware River Watershed Initiative: A Collaborative Program for Tributary Watersheds to a Major Waterbody

2:15 Session D: Blueprints for Cooperative Projects

Moderator: *Dr. John Capece, Southern DataStream*
NEP Programs and Initiatives on Environmental Projects: Jennifer Hecker – Charlotte Harbor NEP
Cooperative Models for Water Utilities – Kevin Morris, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority
Tape Grass Restoration in the Caloosahatchee Estuary – Dr. Richard Bartleson, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
Restoring the Rookery Bay Estuary Project - Keith Laakkonen, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

4:00 Announcement of Student Research Poster Contest Winners

Session Chair: *Dr. Don Duke, Professor of Environmental Studies, Florida Gulf Coast University TBA*

Networking Reception