

# Central Florida Regional Leadership Forum Working Together to Advance a Regional Water Strategy

Friday, November 21, 2014 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Briefing Room Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport

#### I. Coffee & Conversation

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#### II. Welcome, Introductions & Acknowledgements

Special Thanks to Sponsor (Orlando Regional REALTOR Association), Community Partners and the South Florida Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management District

Jacob V. Stuart (<u>Confirmed</u>) President, Central Florida Partnership

Aaron J. Gorovitz (**Confirmed**) Chair, Central Florida Partnership Shareholder, Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.

### III. Understanding Our Regional Values

In May of 2009, the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders identified "creating a regional water strategy" as its Number One Regional Priority. Toward this end, the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders sought specific recommendations from myregion.org regarding how to work together, as a region, to create a sustainable water supply strategy for the Central Florida Region. Specifically, the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders encouraged the exploration of a sustainable water supply strategy; one which would incorporate reducing water consumption (conservation), the sharing of water resources, and the development of alternative water supplies; while, at the same time, successfully avoiding litigation from any parties. Accordingly, through qualitative and quantitative research, myregion.org and ULI (Urban Land Institute) gathered input from over 1,000 civic, business and government leaders from the Central Florida Region; with the result of this research being a Final Report, entitled, "Creating a Sustainable Water Supply for Central Florida: A Regional Strategy."

#### Mark Brewer (Confirmed)

Chair, myregion.org Board Member, Central Florida Partnership President & CEO, Central Florida Foundation

#### A Statewide Perspective – Securing Florida's Future

Assuming passage of Amendment #1; Florida needs to be prepared to implement this Constitutional Amendment which will provide dollars to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

Mark Wilson (<u>Confirmed</u>)

President & CEO
Florida Chamber of Commerce

#### V. An Introduction to the Central Florida Water Initiative

Guiding principles: (1) To identify the sustainable quantities of traditional groundwater sources available for water supplies that can be used without causing unacceptable harm to the water resources and associated natural systems; (2) To develop strategies to meet water demands that are in excess of the sustainable yield of existing traditional groundwater sources; (3) To establish consistent rules and regulations for the three water management districts that meet their collective goals, and implement the results of the Central Florida Water Initiative.

Michael D. Minton (<u>Confirmed</u>)
Member, Central Florida Water Initiative
Board Member, Central Florida Partnership
Board Member
Florida Chamber of Commerce

# VI. Leading the Way in Regional Collaboration, Regional Cooperation & Regional Partnerships

**Robert Beltran**, Executive Director (<u>Confirmed</u>) Southwest Florida Water Management District

**Blake Guillory**, Executive Director (<u>Confirmed</u>) South Florida Water Management District

**Hans Tanzler**, Executive Director (**Confirmed**) St. Johns River Water Management District

#### Steve Seibert (Confirmed)

Vice President, Dean Mead

Moderator
Former Secretary
Florida Department of Community Affairs
Former Executive Director
Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida
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#### **Business & Government Working Together**

William Capote, Member, Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders Mayor, City of Palm Bay (Confirmed)

Erik Jacobsen, General Manager, Deseret Ranches of Florida (Confirmed)

Adam Jones, Vice President of Quality Assurance, Massey Services, Inc. (Confirmed)

Adrian Jones, General Manager, LEGOLAND Florida (Confirmed)

George Lindsey, III, Member, Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders, Commissioner - District 1, Polk County Commission

Rasesh Thakkar, Board Member, Central Florida Partnership Senior Managing Director, Tavistock Group (Confirmed)

**Community Voices—A Community Conversation** 

John P. Albright

President & CEO, Consolidated Tomoka Land Company

Michael A. Babb (Confirmed)

Governing Board Chair, Southwest Florida Water Management District President, Two Rivers Ranch, Inc.

**Randolph Bracy** 

Representative - District 45 Florida House of Representatives

Jason T. Brodeur (Confirmed)

President, Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Marva Brown Johnson** (Confirmed)

**Board Member** Central Florida Partnership Corporate Vice President, Government & Industry Affairs **Bright House Networks** 

Michelle Kendall, AICP

Vice President, Area Manager Parsons Brinckerhoff

Charles Lee, Sr. (Confirmed)

Director of Advocacy, Audubon of Florida

**Concluding Remarks** 

**Adjournment** 

Host: Central Florida Partnership

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Community Partners: African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, Associated Builders & Contractors, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, CareerSource Brevard, Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, Central Florida Community Arts, Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce, Central Florida Foundation, City Year Orlando, Clean the World, Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Community Vision, East Orlando Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, Florida Chamber Foundation, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce, Heart of Florida United Way, Junior Achievement of Central Florida, Lake-Sumter State College, Leadership Orlando, Manufacturers Association of Central Florida, Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, MetroPlan Orlando, myregion.org, National Center For Simulation, Orlando, Inc., Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce, South Lake Chamber of Commerce, Space Florida, St. Johns River Alliance, Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce and University of Central Florida

Diana Bolivar (Confirmed)

Moderator

President, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando

Mark Brewer (Confirmed)

Moderator

Mark Middlebrook (Confirmed)

**Executive Director** St. Johns River Alliance

John A. Miklos (Confirmed)

Governing Board Chair, St. Johns River Water Management District President & Senior Project Manager Bio-Tech Consulting (BTC) Inc.

Charles R. Mojock, Ed.D.

President, Lake-Sumter State College

Daniel T. O'Keefe (Confirmed)

Governing Board Chair, South Florida Water Management District Attorney, Shutts & Bowen LLP

Lynda L. Weatherman (Confirmed)

President & CEO, Economic **Development Commission of Florida's** Space Coast

Katie Worthington (Confirmed)

President & CEO, Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce

Jacob V. Stuart (Confirmed)