



Congressional Briefing on State of St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Waterways

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

October 3, 2013

2167 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Meet and greet: 8:30 – 9:15

Introductory Remarks: U.S. Representatives Patrick Murphy and Trey Radel

Panel 1: Federal role

- Assistant Secretary Jo-Ellen Darcy and Steven Kopecky, South Florida Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Shannon Estenoz, Director, Everglades Restoration Initiatives, Department of Interior
- Deputy Under Secretary Anne Mills, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Dr. Tom Van Lent, Senior Scientist, Everglades Foundation

Questions from Members of Congress

Questions from Community Members

Panel 2: State role

- Secretary Herschel Vinyard, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Ernie Barnett, Assistant Executive Director, Everglades Ecosystem Restoration, South Florida Water Management District
- Thomas MacVicar, MacVicar Consulting, Inc.
- Senator Joe Negron, Chair of State Select Committee on the Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin
- Representative Matt Caldwell, Florida House of Representatives - District 79
- Representative Heather Fitzenhagen, Florida House of Representatives - District 78
- Mark Perry, Executive Director, Florida Oceanographic Society

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Panel 3: Local role

- Martin County Commissioner Chair Sarah Heard
- St. Lucie County Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson
- Lee County Commissioner Larry Kiker
- **Mayor Kevin Ruane, Sanibel, Florida**
- Todd J. Bonlarron, Legislative Affairs, Palm Beach County
- Mr. Roland Ottolini, Director, Lee County Division of Natural Resources
- Dr. Brian LaPointe, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University

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