



### **Special Guests**

**Irela M. Bagué, Chair, Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Task Force**

**Lynette Cardoch, Ph.D., Vice President, Moffatt & Nichol,  
Director of Resilience and Adaptation**

### **Report on the Biscayne Bay Recovery Plan**



**Irela Bagué** is the President & CEO of Bagué Group, a full-service consulting firm with over 20 years of experience in Florida with expertise in strategic communications, water policy, sustainability, climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

Ms. Bagué is a former Governing Board Member of the South Florida Water Management District where she held the position of Vice-Chair. During her time at SFWMD she was responsible for kicking off the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, establishing policy for water resources development, flood control and water quality protection including the dredging of the Miami River. She is a longtime advocate of Everglades and Biscayne Bay restoration, climate change and promotes ethnic diversity and inclusion in the environmental movement.

Ms. Bagué is chair of Miami-Dade County's Biscayne Bay Task Force, Vice-Chair of the Resilience Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and serves on the City of Coral Gables Sustainability Advisory Board, Resilient Utility Coalition, and Florida Water Advocates.

She also hosts [Resilient Forward](#) a podcast promoting solutions to our most challenging environmental issues and frequently writes for the Sun-Sentinel South Florida 100 editorial section.



**Dr. Lynette Cardoch** is a coastal ecologist with over 25 years of experience in regulatory and water policies, coastal restoration, and urban and coastal resiliency. She has also worked closely with coastal utilities and natural resource agencies on integrated planning and operationalizing resiliency, particularly for coastal protection, storm surge, and interior flooding. She is an active resident of Miami-Dade County, participating on the Biscayne Bay Task Force. She also serves as Vice-Chair on the County's Planning Advisory Board.

Lynette is a vice president with Moffatt & Nichol as their Director of Resilience & Adaptation, leading efforts to deliver comprehensive resiliency solutions & adaptation services in the coastal zone. Services range from coastal planning (e.g., decision economics and strategic consulting) to engineering of nature-based (e.g., wetlands and beaches) and built infrastructure (e.g. maritime structures).

**Louisiana State University**, Baton Rouge, LA

Ph.D., Oceanography and Coastal Sciences (Advisor: John W. Day, Ph.D)

**Fulbright Scholar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**, Bellaterra, Spain

Focus: Ecology and ecological economics of the Ebro Delta

**Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami**, Miami, FL

M.A. Marine Affairs and Policy

**Harvard College**, Cambridge, MA

A.B. Cum Laude, Biological Anthropology