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**SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION
AND DISCUSS EVERGLADES RESTORATION, WATER SUPPLY, C&SF FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT AND RESILIENCE STUDY,
AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

HOLLYWOOD, FL - The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPCs) will meet in Joint Session virtually via [GoToMeeting](#) on Friday, March 19th at 10:00 a.m. The Joint Workshop will be co-chaired by Councilmember Mario J. Bailey, Chair of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), and The Honorable Jeff Hmara, Vice Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Chair of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC).

The Councils will receive important updates on Everglades Restoration, Water Supply and Infrastructure, Economic Opportunity, the Central and South Florida Control Project (C&SF) and Resilience Study, and legislative matters. Special guests include Drew Bartlett, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD); Dane Eagle, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; Michael Davis, Sr. Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, WGI; Jennifer Reynolds, Director of Ecosystem Restoration (U.S. ACOE, Lt. Col ret), SFWMD; Jennifer Leeds, PMP, Bureau Chief, Ecosystem Restoration Planning, SFWMD; Jennifer L. Jurado, Ph.D., Deputy Director & Chief Resiliency Officer, Broward County; Bradley Macek, Utility Systems Director, City of Port St. Lucie; and Donna M. Rhoden, City of Port St. Lucie. **The public is encouraged to attend and provide comment. The draft agenda, webinar information, and workshop materials are available at <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/sfrpc-tcrpc-march-19th-meeting-complete-agenda-draft-2/> and <https://tcrpc.org/events/joint-meeting/>.**

“We are looking forward to collaborating with our counterparts at the TCRPC to address a substantial list of regional issues and discuss important updates on our water supply and infrastructure, and various legislative matters. We will also have a presentation from Mr. Dane Eagle, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, on programs and funding opportunities. Together the South Florida and Treasure Coast RPCs serve seven counties and 6.8 million residents representing one-third of Florida’s population, therefore, we understand the importance of a regional approach on many major issues and look forward to advancing our partnership to create a better future and quality of life for our residents.”

**Councilmember Mario J. Bailey, Chair
South Florida Regional Planning Council**

“The joint workshop between the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils represents a great opportunity to come together once again and share concerns and solutions to issues common across our 7 counties. Friday’s workshop is focused on water. Treasure Coast or South Florida, coastal or inland, urban or rural, water affects us all and we need to work together to ensure we are good stewards of all of our water resources.”

**Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara, Chair
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council**

The membership of the Regional Planning Councils consist of county and municipal elected officials, gubernatorial appointees, and ex-officio members from the Florida of Department Economic Opportunity, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (TCRPC), and the South Florida Water Management District. The South Florida RPC represents Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties. The Treasure Coast RPC represents Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties. The Councils support the region’s elected leaders and public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders through regional, collaborative planning and the development and implementation of programs and strategies shaping a better future for Southeast Florida. For more information about the programs available through the SFRPC, please visit www.sfregionalcouncil.org and for programs available with the TCRPC, please visit www.tcrpc.org.

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