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**SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
ANNOUNCE JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

HOLLYWOOD, FL - The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPCs) will meet this Friday, March 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Palm Beach County at The Clayton E. Hutcheson Agricultural Services Center, 559 North Military Trail, in West Palm Beach. The meeting will be co-chaired by The Honorable Steve Geller, Broward County Commissioner and Chair of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), and The Honorable Cathy Townsend, St. Lucie County Commissioner and Chair of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC).

At this meeting, the Councilmembers will discuss with state and local experts ongoing climate resilience initiatives, statewide water infrastructure needs and the level of investment needed to address these needs, among other topics. Special guests include Wesley R. Brooks, Ph.D., Chief Resilience Officer, State of Florida; former Senate President Ken Pruitt; Frank Bernardino, Founding Partner, Anfield Consultant as well as the region's top resilience experts: Jennifer Jurado, Ph.D., Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County; Megan Houston, Director, Palm Beach County Office of Resilience; and Ana Carolina Maran, Ph.D., District Resiliency Officer, South Florida Water Management District. They will join Sandra Bogan, Resilience Navigator, St. Lucie County; Kathy Fitzpatrick, P.E., Coastal Engineer, Martin County; Andrew Sobczak, Assistant Community Development Director, Indian River County, to share their experiences and "lessons learned" in advancing the work of their respective counties and the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

The Councils welcome elected officials and members of the public to be part of this conversation. Please join us this Friday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m. The draft agenda and meeting materials are available at the **SFRPC** and **TCRPC** websites:

- [South Florida Regional Planning Council | Joint Meeting](#)
- [Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council | Joint Meeting](#)

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The membership of the Regional Planning Councils consist of county and municipal elected officials, gubernatorial appointees, and ex-officio members from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, 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.

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