

# JOINT MEETING SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

## SPEAKER BIOS

### *Drew Bartlett, SFWMD Executive Director*



Mr. Bartlett serves as the Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, the biggest water management district in the state of Florida. The District is responsible for Everglades restoration, the largest ecosystem restoration effort in the world. In addition, the agency is responsible for regional water supply and flood protection infrastructure. The agency's Governing Board appointed Drew Bartlett as Executive Director in 2019, and he was unanimously confirmed by the Florida Senate in 2020. During his tenure, Director Bartlett expedited Everglades projects like the EAA Reservoir, implemented major water quality improvement and monitoring efforts, and advanced the resiliency of the region's water resources. Having spent a lifetime in public service, he previously served as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Deputy Secretary for Ecosystem Restoration, where he was responsible for setting water quality standards, establishing restoration goals, and adopting restoration plans. Director Bartlett also held senior roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he was responsible for implementing the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

Director Bartlett holds a B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University.

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