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August 2016

## 2016 Annual Conference September 14-16 Naples Grande ♦ Naples, Florida

The annual conference at Naples Grande is almost here and we look forward to seeing you there.

**A few brief reminders;** the deadline for early registration ends Wednesday, **August 24**. Registration fees after this date increase by \$50. Be sure to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Group rates begin at \$149 and the hotel will honor these rates **as long as rooms remain in FSBPA's block** or by **August 24, 2016**, whichever occurs first. Updates on availability after August 24 will be posted on the website as well as information regarding an overflow hotel, if one should be necessary.

Check out the current program on the next page. We are sure you'll agree—this is a conference you won't want to miss.



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# 59th FSBPA Annual Conference Program Naples Grande \* September 14-16, 2016

## Wednesday, September 14, 2016

1:05 p.m.

### Welcome

Commissioner Donna Fiala, Chair, Collier County Board of County Commissioners, Naples

1:15 p.m.

### Opening Remarks

Leanne Welch, FSBPA Chair and Palm Beach County

1:25 p.m.

### Host Keynote Address: The Collier County Beach Management Program Over Two Decades

Gary McAlpin, P.E., Director, Coastal Zone Management Director, Collier County • Thomas Pierro, P.E., D.CE, Director, CB&I, Boca Raton • Brett Moore, P.E., Co-Founder, Humiston & Moore Engineers, Naples

2:10 p.m.

### Collier County Tourism and the Value of Beaches

Jack Wert, Executive Director, Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau, Naples

2:30 p.m.

### "Ask the Department" – Project Contracting and the Annual Beach Project Application, Ranking and Selection Process

Trina Vielhauer, Director, Division of Water Restoration Assistance and Alex Reed, Program Administrator, Beach Management Funding Assistance Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee

3:10 p.m.

### Professional Exchange Break

3:40 p.m.

### Fireside Chat Series, Age before Beauty: Lessons Learned and Now Shared regarding Beach Nourishment Projects - the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Erik Olsen, P.E., President, Olsen Associates, Jacksonville • R. Harvey Sasso, P.E., Coastal Systems International, Coral Gables • Thomas Pierro, P.E., D.CE, Director, CB&I, Boca Raton • Michael Poff, P.E., Vice-President of Engineering, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Naples

4:25 p.m.

### Sea Level Rise: Legal and Policy Issues for Local Governments

Richard Grosso, Director, Environmental & Land Use Law Clinic & Professor of Law, Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale

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4:50 p.m.

**Beach Nourishment as a Management Tool to Adapt to Sea Level Rise**

James Houston, Ph.D., Director Emeritus, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Vicksburg, MS

5:15 p.m.

**Questions and Answers for late-afternoon session presentations**

5:30 p.m.

**Adjourn**

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Welcome Reception**

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

8:00 a.m.

**Professional Exchange Break**

8:30 a.m.

**Jacksonville District Commander's Update**

Colonel Jason A. Kirk, P.E., Commander, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

9:00 a.m.

**Regional Approaches to National Concerns**

Jacqueline J. Keiser, PG, PMP, Dredging Program Manager, Director, Regional Sediment Management Regional Center of Expertise Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

9:30 a.m.

**Policy Address: Using the Port Everglades Inlet Project to Examine and Challenge the State's Efforts to Manage Florida's Inlets**

Christopher Creed, P.E., Vice-President, Olsen Associates, Inc., Jacksonville and Nicole Sharp, P.E., Natural Resources Administrator, Broward County

10:15 a.m.

**Professional Exchange Break**

10:45 a.m.

**A Panel Discussion: The Hidden Costs of Building Beaches**

Jason Engle, P.E., Chief, Coastal Design Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District • Steve Boutelle, Operations Manager, Lee County Division of Natural Resources • Cliff Truitt, D.Eng., P.E., Taylor Engineering, Jacksonville • Chuck Broussard, Vice-President, Weeks Marine, Inc., Covington, LA • Bernie Eastman, Operations Manager, Eastman Aggregate Enterprises, LLC, Lake Worth

11:35 a.m.

**Adaptive Dredge Management & Transparency: Restoring Confidence in Restoring Beaches**

Brett Kettle, Ph.D., BABEL-sbf Pty Ltd, Manley, Queensland, Australia

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

12:05 p.m.

**FSBPA Annual General Membership Meeting**

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

**Inlets 101: Introduction to Beaches & Coastal Inlets**

Kevin Bodge, Ph.D., P.E., Vice-President, Olsen Associates, Inc., Jacksonville, FL

6:00 p.m.

**Cash Bar**

6:30 p.m.

**Awards Banquet**

## **Friday, September 16, 2016**

8:00 a.m.

**Professional Exchange Break**

8:30 a.m. **REVISITING FLORIDA'S BEACH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

- **Introduction and Opening Comments**

Senator Dennis Jones

**2016 Keynote Address: "Beaches 2017"—A Legislative Initiative**

Senator Jack Latvala (Senate Appropriations Chair, 2017-2018) Florida Senate

- **State Perspective: Historical Funding and Economic Benefits**

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- **The Federal Partnership and Funding Contribution**

Jacqueline J. Keiser, PG, PMP, Dredging Program Manager, Director, Regional Sediment Management  
Regional Center of Expertise Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- **Recognizing the "Coalition of Beach Interests"**

**BEACHES 2017: FSBPA MEMBER QUESTIONS AND INPUT**

9:40 a.m.

**Santa Rosa County's Navarre Beach Nourishment Project: From Perceived Victim of the Process to Success Story**

Commissioner Rob Williamson, Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners • Michael Walther, P.E., D.CE, Vice-President, Coastal Tech - G.E.C., Inc., Vero Beach • Chuck Broussard, Vice-President, Weeks Marine, Inc., Covington, LA

10:15 a.m.

**Professional Exchange Break**

10:45 a.m.

**Sharing the Experience: Local Government Considerations in determining Sand Sources for Beach Projects**

Dave Bullock, Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key

11:10 a.m.

**Clam Pass: Working with Nature to Maintain a Tidal Inlet in a Natural Resource Protection Area**

Mohamed Dabees, Ph.D., P.E., Humiston & Moore Engineers, Naples

11:35 a.m.

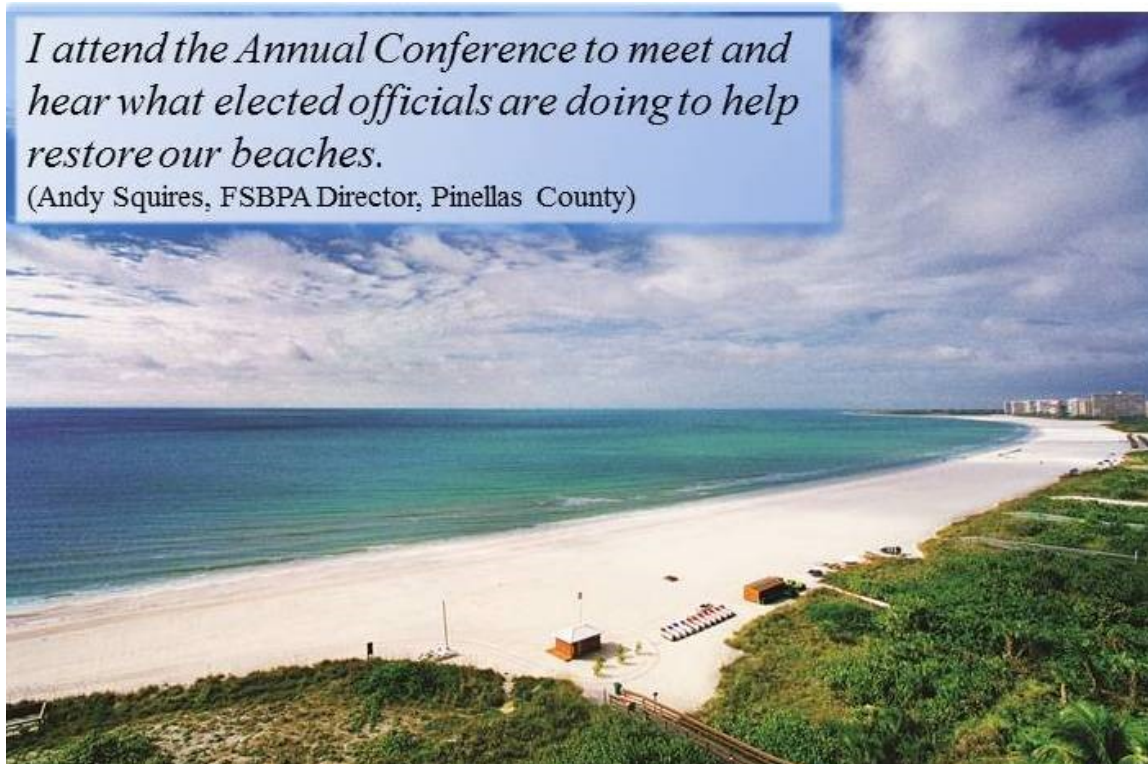
**South Siesta Key Beach Renourishment: Finished just in Time to Weather the First Tropical Storm of the Season**

Laird Wreford, Coastal Initiatives Manager, Sarasota County

12 noon

**Conference Adjourns**

***Subject to change, any updates as necessary will be made online and presenters notified***



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## A message from FSBPA's Chair, Leanne Welch



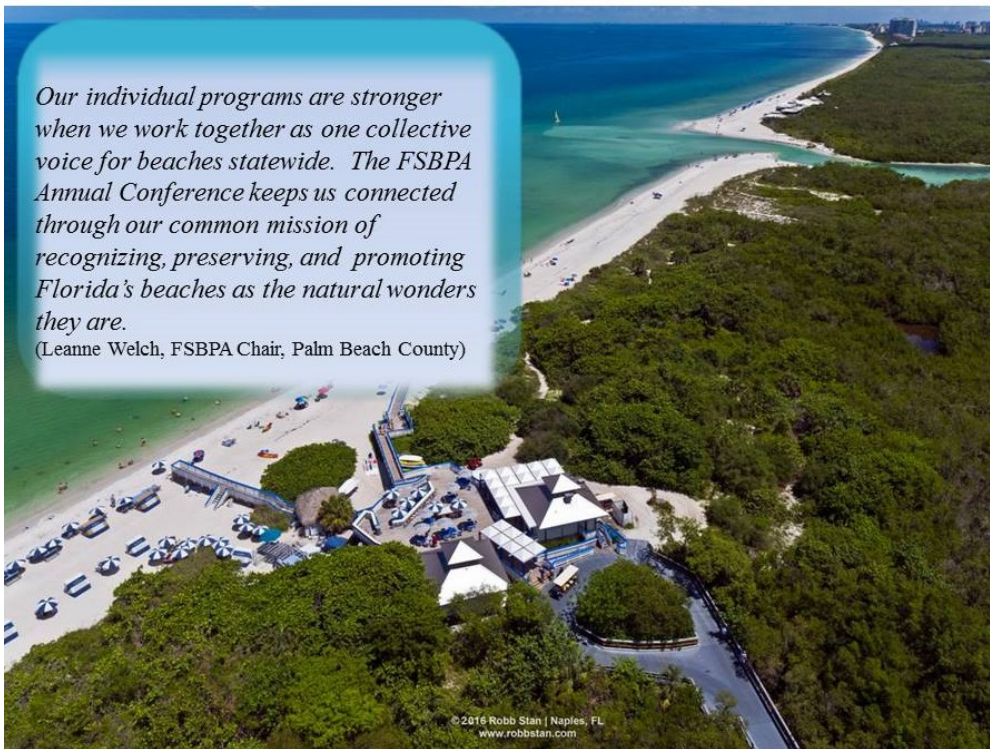
Have you registered yet for the Annual Conference? What are you waiting for? Too busy watching the Olympics? (yeah, me too - I can't look away!) Wait for a commercial break and register online!

Perhaps you want to see who else is going first? Trust me... we'll all be there! Your involvement now is more important than ever, so please make plans to join us in Naples for what is shaping up to be another exciting and timely program.

All of our individual programs are stronger when we work together as one collective voice for beaches statewide. The FSBPA annual conference keeps us all connected through our common mission of recognizing, preserving, and promoting Florida's beaches as the natural wonders they are. We all face similar issues - decreasing sand sources, increased costs, and challenging public perceptions regarding beach management. Let's join forces to grow Florida's beach program for future generations.

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(Leanne Welch, FSBPA Chair, Palm Beach County)



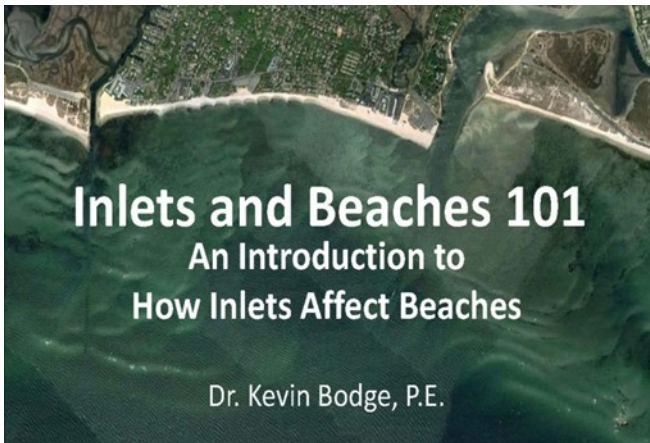
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Your FSBPA staff has put together an exciting program including panel discussions, project summaries, and the chance to ask your lawmakers (and DEP) all of your burning questions. We've come a long way in nearly 60 years – and we have the opportunity to shape the future of Florida's beach program. Adaptive management, regional approaches, and an increased recognition of the value of our beaches are the keys to moving our

programs to the next level. We'll hear from Colonel Kirk about the Federal plans for Florida's beaches, and from Senator Latvala – the 2017 FL Senate Appropriations Chair – on the State's perspective.

Be sure to join us in September – you won't regret it!

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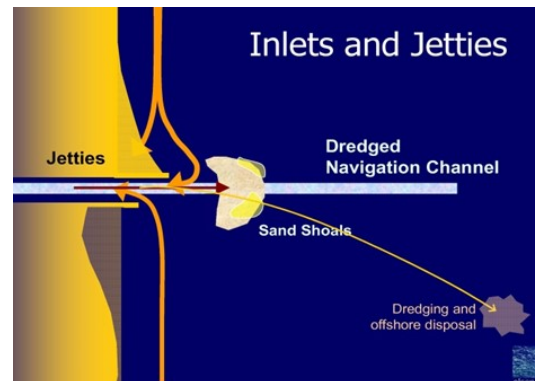
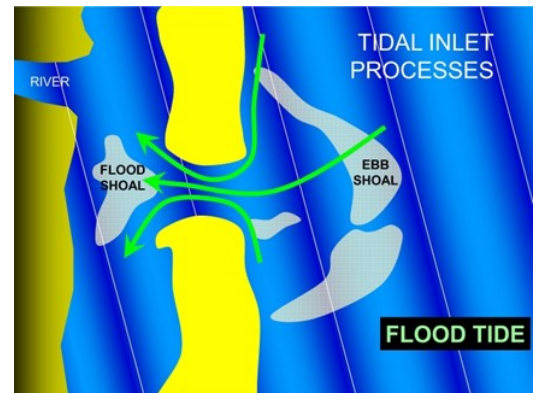


**Thursday, September 15, 2016  
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.**

Please set aside an hour on Thursday after lunch to enjoy an educational short course on Inlets.

“Inlets and Beaches 101” presents fundamental concepts of how coastal inlets “work”, in simple language and through descriptive graphics. This 50-minute presentation will describe how currents and sand move through tidal inlets, and how inlets affect the adjacent beaches. It is intended for laymen, public officials, administrators, and other persons without a coastal engineering background who have an interest in Florida’s beaches, inlet management, and beach erosion control. Topics include fundamental inlet terminology (vocabulary), understanding the flow of water and sand through an inlet, the formation of tidal shoals, the differences between natural and dredged inlets, the role of jetties and terminal structures, identifying the impact of an inlet upon the adjacent shorelines, the meaning and calculation of an inlet sediment budget, natural and artificial sand-bypassing, various ways to mitigate inlet impacts upon adjacent beaches, a brief overview of computer- and physical models of inlet processes, and examples of successful (and some not-so-successful) inlet management schemes.

This lecture is presented by Dr. Kevin Bodge, a senior coastal engineer with Olsen Associates, Inc., who enjoys making science & engineering accessible through entertaining graphics, humor, and simple concepts.

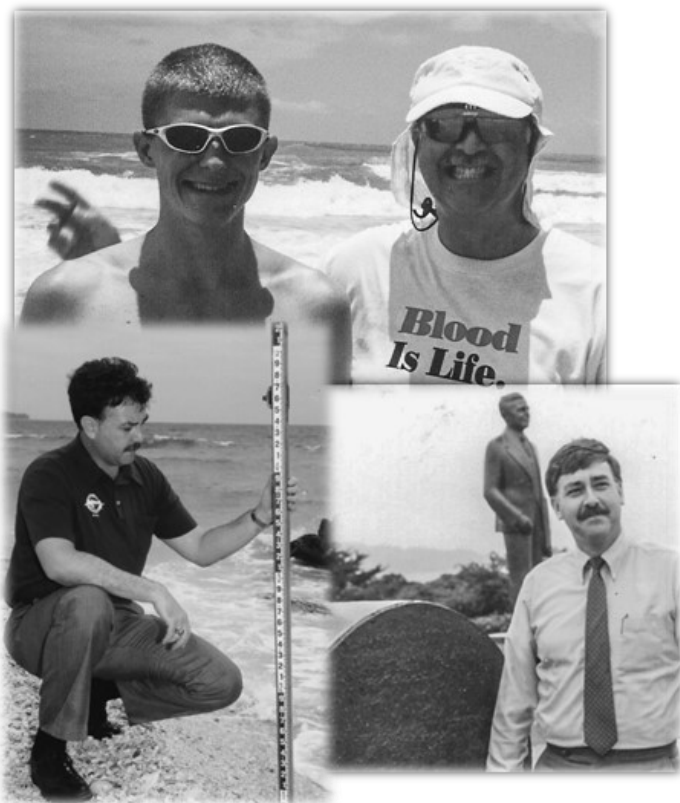


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## IN RECOGNITION OF FSBPA'S 2016 AWARD WINNERS

Join us for the Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening in the Naples Grande Ballroom as we recognize our 2016 Awards recipients. FSBPA is honored to present awards for the outstanding contributions of three of our community's beach preservation advocates: Cliff Truitt, Gary McAlpin, and Jason Harrah. Be sure to congratulate these accomplished professionals and thank our generous awards sponsor, Humiston & Moore, and banquet sponsors - Coastal Engineering Consultants, CB&I, Gahagan & Bryant, and Olsen Associates.

### Cliff Truitt, Per Bruun Distinguished Service Award



Cliff has been selected to receive the Per Bruun Distinguished Service Award, named after the first Director of Coastal Engineering at UF and founder of FSBPA, for his 40 years of significant contributions to beach preservation. Cliff has an extensive career in both private and public sectors where he enjoyed roles as Bureau Chief for the Department of Natural Resources; Hydraulic Engineer at the Coastal Engineering Research Center - the precursor to the USACE's Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory; Senior Scientist and Director of the Mote Marine Laboratory; and Coastal Engineer for the past 20 years, currently with Taylor Engineering. He has contributed to over 30 publications and presentations and published technical notes and manuals such as the "Tidal Inlet Dynamics" and is an active volunteer in his community. On a final but very special note, Cliff served our country in the Army Reserves for 26 years and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Please join us in toasting our dear friend and colleague at the Awards Banquet on September 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Jason Harrah, Richard Bonner Award



Jason S. Harrah will be presented the Richard E. Bonner Award at the 2016 Awards Banquet for his commitment and ability to direct and manage complex projects from start to finish. Jason has an extensive 13 year career with the Army Corps of Engineers (5 with the Huntington District in West Virginia and 8 years with the Jacksonville District). He has spent the last eight years working as a Project Manager on a variety of key projects to include Everglades Restoration, Hebert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation and several shoreline and navigation projects along the eastern coast of Florida. These projects include Miami-Dade County

Shore Protection Project (SPP), Flagler County SPP, Duval County SPP, Nassau County SPP, Jacksonville Harbor Mile Point, Jacksonville Harbor O&M, and the Jacksonville Harbor Port Deepening Project. He was nominated by his colleagues because of his steadfast ability to overcome challenges, just like the award's namesake Richard Bonner. Please join FSBPA as we show our appreciation to Jason for his commitment and support of Florida's coastal program.

### J. Gary McAlpin, Local Government Award

Gary McAlpin will be recognized for the FSBPA 2016 Local Government Award for his 11 years of distinguished service to Collier County's beach preservation and inlet management programs and unwavering commitment to public safety. He is the Director of the County's Coastal Zone Management Department and manages a team of dedicated staff to preserve and enhance the County's coastal resources. Gary was nominated for his leadership role and more importantly for his innovative methods to minimize environmental impacts and construction costs while successfully managing 34 miles of shoreline and six shallow draft inlets. He has found ways to successfully place high quality sand along the beaches of Vanderbilt, Park Shore, and Naples, incorporate a range of construction options in his state and federal permits, and maximize state and federal funding for nourishment projects to lessen the County's financial commitments. FSBPA is grateful for Gary's dedication to Collier County and to the Association and is excited to be a part of the award presentation at the banquet.



From left to right: Roger Jacobsen, City of Naples, Mayor John Soyer, City of Naples, Jerry Henry, P & J Superintendent, Gary McAlpin, P.E., Collier County Coastal Zone Manager, and Ricky Simpson, Collier County Senior Field Supervisor

# FSBPA Annual Conference Field Trips

## Limited Space Available, Reservations Required

Collier County is planning three excursions for participants at the FSBPA Annual Conference. Space is limited for each excursion, and all are dependent on good weather.

To register for a trip, [please email teri@fsbpa.com](mailto:teri@fsbpa.com) with your name (list name as you registered for the conference) and indicate which field trip.

**Turtle Nest Excavation** – this group will be led by Maura Kraus on Wednesday, 9/14, from ~6 p.m. until sunset. This session will discuss Collier County's turtle program, nesting history, successes, issues, accomplishments and problems along with excavating/examining recently hatched or late hatching nests. The nest excavations are exciting and must be completed before sunset so the eggs can be examined and evaluated in the light. Any hatchlings still in the nests will be immediately released. Location of the turtle hatching investigation will be announced the week of the conference. Attendees will be walking on the beach - appropriate clothing and shoes a must.

**Clam Pass mangrove walk and discussion** - this group will be led by the Conservancy of SW Florida on Thursday, 9/15, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The Mangrove Tour will assemble at the shuttle drop-off location at the hotel. The Conservancy regularly conducts these tours and discusses ecology of the mangrove forest, habitat, benefits to the estuary and wildlife. Clam Pass is a truly unique coastal habitat and mangrove forest expressive of a predevelopment period of history.

**Artificial reef dive trip** – this group will be led by Chris D'Arco on Thursday, 9/15, from 1 to 5 p.m. The excursion is limited to 10 certified divers and registered conference attendees. This dive trip will begin at Bayview Park, Naples, where divers will be led to several artificial reefs and view different levels of habitat development relative to placement date. Dive equipment will be the responsibility of each diver and may be rented from Scuba Adventures (971 Creech Rd, Naples, FL, 239-434-7477). A signed liability waiver will be required to participate in this excursion.

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Welcome to Naples and Collier County! While you're attending the FSBPA Conference, we want to make sure you enjoy every minute of time you spend in our beautiful community.

Collier County is one of the largest land mass counties in Florida and we are additionally blessed to have more than 70 percent in conservation and preservation. While you're here, you can experience a wide variety of beach recreational activities and amenities. Further south you can see our extremely wide, sugar-sand beaches on Marco Island or you can visit the County's Tigertail Beach facility on the north end of Marco for birding and tidal lagoon adventures.



Clam Pass Beach Park

Undeniably, our premier engineered, manicured and maintained beaches continue to be our main attraction to this area of Southwest Florida. The beaches hold the key to economic prosperity. On northernmost Collier is a gem called Barefoot Beach Preserve, a natural, award-winning beach that has never been renourished and remains as Florida beaches were hundreds of years ago. We invite you to walk out of your conference headquarters and enjoy a beautiful stroll through a mangrove estuary to Clam Pass Beach Park. Lastly, in addition to the shorelines of Naples alongside the emerald-turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico, visit Collier County's beach jewels at Vanderbilt and Park Shore.

Once you experience the sand, sights and sounds of our 30 plus miles of beaches in Collier County, you will agree we really do have a beach experience for all ages and a myriad of interests. Those who are fortunate enough to live, work and play here often call Collier County paradise.

While you're here, also consider a trip to Everglades National Park, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Ten Thousand Islands or one of Collier County's exceptional beach parks. We have also planned several very interesting field trips that showcase the habitats of the region and our biodiversity. [\(Details on these field trips are listed on page 10\).](#) Please join us for:

- Investigate with our turtle monitoring staff recently erupted turtle nests, help uncover unhatched eggs, record nest results, possibly rescue lagging hatchlings, discuss issues affecting nesting success and talk about issues effecting this endangered species.
- Tour the Clam Pass Mangrove forest and experience its beauty. Discuss with nature guides the positive benefits of the mangrove forests to the ecology of Southwest Florida.
- Dive several of Collier County's recently deployed artificial reefs and see firsthand the development of Collier County's offshore ecology.

Space is limited so first come, first serve!

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During the conference, our program presentations will include the history of Collier County's Beach Renourishment Program and also discuss the challenges of maintaining six shallow draft coastal inlets.

In addition, Collier County is home to excellent dining and shopping, especially along Fifth Avenue South with enviable ambiance and charm, and the historic Third Street South. Very near your conference hotel are a number of great dining experiences. You will soon discover why Naples and Marco Island dining is a foodie's Paradise. Just a mile north on US 41 you will find Mercato where you will find a collection of choices including McCormick & Schmick's, Capitol Grille, Seasons 52, Blue Martini and The Stage Deli, plus more from casual to refined and fancy.

Just south of your conference hotel on 41 is the aforementioned and fashionable Fifth Avenue South in Old Naples with more than 50 great restaurants, many with sidewalk seating, including Avenue 5, Vergina, Osteria Tulia and Truluck's.



While you are downtown, stay for one of our spectacular sunsets at the Naples Pier. Or view the colorful spectacle from any spot along the beach where we have many public access points with parking. Either before or after the splendid, never-the-same sunset, feast on dinner at Sea Salt, Tommy Bahamas or Campiello on Third Street South.

Enjoy your time with us!

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# RESTAURANT GUIDE

See Collier County's Welcome Message for even more dining options.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Too many good restaurants too be disappointed, just fewer dollars in your pocket

### Fabulous and Tested

**Chops City Grill**, local favorite, great dry-aged steaks  
837 Fifth Avenue South, Naples

239.262.4677

**Campiellos**, simply great fresh pasta dishes and other gourmet Italian treats, recommended from a very reliable local source  
1177 3rd St S, Naples

239.435.1166

**The Chapel Grill**, neat setting, non-traditional tavern menu  
811 7th Ave S, Naples

239.206.4310

**USS Nemo**, close to the hotel, personally-tested best sea bass  
3745 Tamiami Trail N, Naples

239.261.6366

**Albertos on Fifth**, fresh pastas and from scratch Italian dishes  
868 Fifth Avenue South, Naples

239.430.1060

**Sea Salt**, modern sea food, locally-sourced  
1186 Third Street South, Naples

239.434.7258

### Views and Seafood

**Boathouse Restaurant**, over Naples Bay, good seafood, but can enjoy drinks, apps, and burgers  
990 Broad Ave S, Naples

239.643.2235

**Kelly's Fish House**, oldest in Naples, on Gordon River, casual fresh seafood  
1302 Fifth Avenue S, On The Gordon River, Naples

239.774.0494

**M Waterfront Grill**, at the Venetian Village, several other restaurants, nice place to walk and window shop  
4300 Gulfshore Blvd. North, Naples

239.263.4421

### When the \$s Run Out

**Grouper & Chips**, hard to beat its fried grouper, especially for the price  
338 9th St. North, Naples

239-949-7117

**Goldies**, Very inexpensive for breakfast and lunch  
5400 Taylor Road, Naples

239.591.3400

**Masa**, for just one margarita from an amazing section  
9123 Strada Place, Naples

239.598.0887

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## Conference Registration

### Three ways to register

1. **ONLINE:** [www.fsbpa.com/annual-conference.html](http://www.fsbpa.com/annual-conference.html)
2. **MAIL:** Form and payment to:  
FSBPA  
PO Box 13146  
Tallahassee, FL 32317-3146
3. **FAX or E-MAIL:** Form and credit card information to (850) 462-3575  
or E-mail: [mail@fsbpa.com](mailto:mail@fsbpa.com)

### Print the conference registration form



If you would rather register by fax, e-mail, or mail, click on the link above to open the registration form in a pdf file format. Type your information directly into this pdf file and print. Then simply mail, e-mail, or fax your form to the address or number listed above.

## Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the conference hotel, Naples Grande. The hotel will honor the group rate as long as rooms remain in FSBPA's block or until August 24, whichever occurs first. For complete details on group room rates which start at \$149 plus tax, visit, [www.fsbpa.com/annual-conference/hotel.html](http://www.fsbpa.com/annual-conference/hotel.html).

[Click here to make your reservation online.](#)

For reservations by phone call: **1.844.210.5931**



*The Conference is a unique opportunity to build your network, enhance your knowledge, answer your questions, or resolve your problems related to Florida beaches.*  
(Steve Boutelle, FSBPA Director, Lee County)



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Morning Beverage Breaks



Sweets & Treats Break



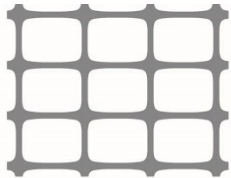
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Friday Breakfast Break



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## Exhibitors



The conference offers an excellent opportunity for your company to meet and demonstrate your services and products to conference attendees for beach nourishment and other erosion control projects, inlet management, coastal vegetation, beach cleaning, storm-damage recovery, surveying, and other professional services.

**A few exhibit spaces are still available!** Please visit [www.fsbpa.com/annual-conference/exhibit.html](http://www.fsbpa.com/annual-conference/exhibit.html) for the floor plan and registration form.

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## Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development



**US Army Corps  
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The Section 7001 Federal Register Notice (FRN) was published on May 27<sup>th</sup> and is posted on the Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development HQ webpage. Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 requires that the secretary of the Army annually submit to Congress a report which identifies completed feasibility studies, proposed feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to authorized projects which meet all of the following criteria:

- Are related to the missions and authorities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE primary missions are navigation, flood risk management, and aquatic ecosystem restoration. Recreation, hydropower and/or water supply will be considered “related” when it is performed in conjunction with one or more of the primary mission(s).
- Require specific congressional authorization.
- Have not been congressionally authorized.
- Have not been included in the main table of a previous annual report.  
If authorized could be carried out by the Corps of Engineers.

The annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development is based, in part, on requests for proposals for authorization from non-Federal interests for proposed feasibility studies and proposed modifications to authorized projects or studies that require authorization for the Corps of Engineers to proceed. Once submitted, the studies and modifications are considered by Congress for potential authorization. It is important to note that inclusion into the annual Report does not provide or guarantee authorization or appropriation for a study or project.

Proposals can be submitted online at [www.wrrda7001proposals.us](http://www.wrrda7001proposals.us). The request for Section 7001 proposals was published in the Federal Register on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to submit a proposal is **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. More information regarding the annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development (including Frequently Asked Questions) can be found online at the USACE website:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning/WRRDA7001Proposals.aspx>.

The following web address houses the 2016 Report to Congress which includes information about past proposals along with USACE evaluations.

[http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/Project%20Planning/wrrda/2014/2016Report\\_FutureWaterResources.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/Project%20Planning/wrrda/2014/2016Report_FutureWaterResources.pdf)

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## FDEP Division of Water Resource Management Agency Updates



### Self-Certification Now Available for Certain CCCL Field Permits

Starting July 2016, small coastal projects can benefit from the state of Florida's online environmental permitting. Minor construction and other activities seaward of a coastal construction control line (CCCL) require permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP). For many small upland CCCL projects, FDEP's Division of Water Resource Management now offers an easy to use on-line permit process. Called "ESSA" after Enterprise Self Service Authorization, the new self-certification process is available for certain minor construction, beach cleaning, and special events. ESSA is easy to use and is accessed through the FDEP Business Portal.

ESSA self-certification is not available for all projects that have historically been field permitted by the state's CCCL program. Restrictions apply depending on the type of project - minor construction, special event, or beach cleaning - to be permitted. For instance, CCCL ESSA self-certification of minor construction is only available for small projects in the side or front yards landward of beachfront homes, not in the back yards on the seaward or beachside. For beach cleaning and special events, self-certification is limited to specific geographic areas depending on the timing of the activity relative sea turtle nesting season. CCCL ESSA self-certifications are not available for Florida Keys and Big Bend beaches.

Following the online step by step instructions, it is easy to register for or sign into the Business Portal, click on buttons "Apply", then "Build", and finally "Field Permit for Minor Structures and Activities Seaward of the CCCL" and start entering project information. Once in the application process, a useful "Help" button is located at the top right of each page. It will be helpful to have as much information pulled together before you start, and to have some familiarity with "uploading" electronic documents such as in Adobe Acrobat "PDF" or Microsoft Office format files. Have a printer ready for printing the permit when you have completed the ESSA self-certification for CCCL field permits. Read closely the limitations and restrictions on using your permit.

You can find "how to" instructions on the FDEP Beaches [webpage](#) in the "[Self-Certification for CCCL Field Permit Guidance document](#)" and follow its specific information and guidance. The link to the guidance document is also given below. While in the FDEP [Business Portal](#), explore other online permit customer and other stakeholder tools, such as subscribing for notices of permit applications submitted in your county. The link to the FDEP Business Portal is also found on the next page.

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If you have any feedback or questions related to the self-certification for minor construction activities, please contact Gene Chalecki, at [Gene.Chalecki@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Gene.Chalecki@dep.state.fl.us) or by phone at 850-245-7652; for beach cleaning or special events, please contact Fritz Wettstein, at [John.Wettstein@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:John.Wettstein@dep.state.fl.us) or by phone at 850-245-7672. For technical system issues, please email the FDEP Service Desk at [ServiceDesk@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:ServiceDesk@dep.state.fl.us) or call at (850) 245-7555.

FDEP Beaches and Coastal Systems - <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/>

CCCL Permitting - <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/programs/ccclprog.htm>

Self-Certification for CCCL Field Permit Guidance document – “Using ESSA” <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/publications/pdf/SelfCertification-CCCL-FieldPermit.pdf>

FDEP Business Portal - <http://www.fldeportal.com/go/>

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## General Membership Dues for 2017

General Membership Dues invoices will be mailed in October. The annual dues for a few membership categories will increase as a result of the 2015 formal Board of Directors assessment of the Association's structure and its member needs. Namely after 10 years, the individual member dues will be increased to \$75 from \$50 and joined with the family membership category. We hope you agree the Association's performance is worthy of the dues increase. Each member reflects the diverse nature of our organization and sustaining our common goal – healthy beaches are vital to the state's economy, coastal environment, and quality of life.

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