



Resilient Environment Department
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2025 BROWARD LEADERS WATER AND CLIMATE ACADEMY

Session 1: KICK OFF

September 26, 2025 – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Location: Broward County Government Center East

115 S. Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale FL 33301, Room 302

Part 1: Introduction

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and Introduction	Senator Steve Geller, Broward County Board of County Commissioners
9:15 - 9:30	Overview of the Academy	Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer, RED.

Part 2: Regional Water Resources Management

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:30 - 10:00	South Florida's Unique Geology	Dr. Gregory Mount, Assistant Chief Resilience Officer, RED.
10:00 - 10:40	South Florida Water Management District Water Control System Overview	Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E., Chief of Resilience, SFWMD
10:40 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:40	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and the Central and Southern Florida Project	MAJ Bell, Deputy District Commander for South Florida. USACE, Jacksonville District.
11:40 – 12:20	Broward County Resilience Initiatives	Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer, RED.
12:20 – 12:45	TBD	TBD
12:45 – 2:00	Lunch (Provided)	

Part 3. Local and Regional Needs and Responses

Time	Topic	Presenter
2:00 – 2:30	Water Resources Protection in South Florida.	Brent Whitfield, P.E., Director of Water Resources and Senior Engineer, Chen Moore and Associates.
2:30 – 2:50	Addressing the Challenges of Sea Level Rise	Dr. Nancy Gassman, CC-P, LEED Green Associate, Assistant Director of Public Works, Sustainability, City of Fort Lauderdale
2:50 - 3:15	City of Hollywood Initiatives	Christopher Roschek, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Hollywood, Florida.
3:15-3:45	Broward County Innovations	Dr. Gregory Mount and Stefan Perritano, Broward County Resilient Environment Department
3:45 – 4:15	Resilience in Transportation	James Poole, P.E., CPM, District Drainage Engineer, District Four, Florida Department of Transportation.
4:15 – 4:30	Session 1 Closing Remarks	Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer, RED.

Next Event: Session 2 - October 24, 2025, 8:00 – 3:00
Everglades and Drainage District Tour