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FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL
FAWQC 2026 Conference Agenda

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

1:00 PM Opening Remarks

Scott Deitche (Geosyntec), FAWQC President
Jay Haas (SurvTech), FAWQC Vice President & Technical Program Chair

1:10 PM Session 1 – Power Industry

Moderator – Ashley Nichols, TECO

Daniela Delpino (Florida Municipal Power Agency) – Florida Energy Policy Outlook

Sean McGinnis (Lakeland Electric) & Kelley Samuels (AECOM) – Siting/environmental permitting for small modular nuclear reactors

Aditi Swain (Orlando Science High School) - Novel Bio-Materials for Algal Toxin Removal

Rachel McGraw (Duke Energy) – Weathering the Storm: Environmental Cleanup and Power Plant Restoration After a Hurricane

3:00 PM Break

Sponsored by Geosyntec Consultants

3:15 PM Session 2 – Mining and Minerals Industry

Moderator – Devin Lawrence, Mosaic

Phong Vo (Ardaman) & John Coates (FDEP) & Herb Donica Esq. (Donica Receivership Services, LLC) – Final Chapter of Piney Point

George DeStefano – Cracking the Core: Cutting-Edge Tools for Deep Well Core Sampling

Scott Wuitschick (Mosaic) – Tailings Management

Neil Beckingham (Mosaic) – Mosaic 2030 Sustainability Targets

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Welcome Reception in Exhibition Area

Sponsored by Black & Veatch

Dinner “On Your Own”

9:00 PM Cigar Reception at the Lobby Bar



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Thursday, June 18, 2026

7:00 AM Fun Run on the Beach

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8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

Sponsored by ACT Environmental & Infrastructure

8:30 AM Opening Remarks

Scott Deitche (Geosyntec), FAWQC President
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8:35 AM Session 3 – Coastal Issues

Moderator – Alex Reed, FDEP

Marcus Beck (Tampa Bay Estuary Program) – Evaluating the Management Paradigm for Tampa Bay: What’s Old Is New

Chadd Chustz (Town of Ft Myers Beach) & Gisselle Gutierrez (Kimley-Horn) – Assessing Vulnerability and Resiliency Planning on a Barrier Island

Jenna Phillips (Cummins Cederberg) – Engineered Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Resilience & Water Quality Improvements

Lara Bracci (FDEP LBSP Coordinator) – Kristin Jacobs Coral Aquatic Preserve (KJCAP)

10:15 AM Break

Sponsored by SurvTech Solutions & AECOM

10:30 AM Session 4 – Nature Based Solutions

Moderator – Carrie Kelly, Verdantas

Jovana Radovanovic (Geosyntec) – Plans, Policy, & Practice: How Orange County Integrated Low Impact Development

Wendy Conn & Lauren Leverett (Plummer) – Marty Leonard Wetland Treatment Project for the Tarrant Regional Water District

Kim Tapley (HCEPC) – Encouraging Native Based Solutions for Shoreline Stabilization Projects

Tom Ries (Ecosphere Restoration Institute) – Living Shorelines: Can They Withstand Hurricane-Force Winds?

12:00 PM Lunch

Sponsored by Ardaman & Associates

FAWQC E2 Grant Presentations
Keynote Address – Melissa Seixas, President (Duke Energy FL)

1:30 PM Free Time

5:30 PM Banquet (Optional Event)

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Friday, June 19, 2026

7:45 AM Sponsor Recognitions and Awards

Scott Deitche (Geosyntec), FAWQC President
Jay Haas (SurvTech), FAWQC Vice President & Technical Program Chair

8:00 AM Sit-Down Breakfast

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Keynote Address – Kristen Nowak, Florida Wildlife Corridor

9:15 AM Session 5 – Florida Agriculture Issues

Moderator – Dave Brown, RESPEC

Dr. Jason Evans (Stetson University) – Stetson University has released the findings of its evaluation of Alachua Conservation Trust’s five-year 2021–2026 “Surface to Springs”

Keenan Baldwin (Stolen Saddle Ranch) – Sheep Pen Marsh in Stolen Saddle Ranch, DeSoto County, Florida

10:45 AM Break

Sponsored by Gunster & ES Integrated

11:00 AM Session 6 – Legislative Update

Moderator – Mike Petrovich, Gunster

Rafe Petersen (Holland & Knight) – Federal Update

Alex Kernan (Gunster) – State Update

12:00 PM End of Conference Technical Sessions, Exhibitor Raffle Drawings

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