



## **Congressional Briefing on State of St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Waterways**

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

October 3, 2013

2167 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Meet and greet: 8:30 – 9:00

Introductory Remarks: U.S. Representatives Patrick Murphy and Trey Radel

### Panel 1: Water quality and management

- Secretary Herschel Vinyard, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Ernie Barnett, Assistant Executive Director, Everglades Ecosystem Restoration, South Florida Water Management District
- Dr. Tom Van Lent, Senior Scientist, Everglades Foundation
- WRRDA Update: House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster and Ranking Member Nick Rahall

Questions from Members of Congress

Questions from Community Members

### Panel 2: State role and perspectives

- Senator Joe Negron, Chair of State Select Committee on the Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin
- Representative Matt Caldwell, Florida House of Representatives - District 79
- Representative Heather Fitzenhagen, Florida House of Representatives - District 78
- Thomas MacVicar, MacVicar Consulting, Inc.
- Mark Perry, Executive Director, Florida Oceanographic Society

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### Panel 3: Local role and perspectives

- Martin County Commissioner Chair Sarah Heard
- St. Lucie County Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson
- Lee County Commissioner Larry Kiker
- Mayor Kevin Ruane, Sanibel, Florida
- Todd J. Bonlarron, Legislative Affairs, Palm Beach County
- Mr. Roland Ottolini, Director, Lee County Division of Natural Resources
- Dr. Brian LaPointe, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University

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*A rally in front of the Capitol building at the House Triangle will follow from 12:45 – 1:30.*

