

State Issues Panelists

Lance deHaven-Smith, Director

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Dr. Lance deHaven-Smith is Director of the Reubin O'D. Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University and is Associate Director of the Florida Institute of Government. He is the author of ten books, five of which cover various aspects of Florida government and politics. He served as the Executive Director of Florida's Local Government Study Commission in 1997 and of the Citizens' Commission on Cabinet Reform in 1996. He has worked in an advisory capacity with water agencies and regulators throughout Florida, with several federal agencies, and with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (the world's largest water district). Currently, he is facilitating Florida's second Ecosystem Team Permitting process, which is for an indirect potable reuse project in Tampa. Dr. deHaven-Smith received his B.A. degree, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Georgia in 1975 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1978 and 1980, respectively.

Linda Conway Duever, President and Principal Ecologist

Conway Conservation, Inc.

Linda Conway Duever, founder and president of the Conway Conservation, Inc. environmental consulting firm, focuses professionally on Conservation Planning, Habitat Evaluation, Green Infrastructure Development, Environmental Communications, Facility Planning, and natural Areas Management. Ms. Conway Duever, long involved in environmental and natural resource work, has done extensive research and fieldwork leading to numerous articles and journal publications. Ms. Conway Duever received her AB degree from the University of Georgia and did graduate work in Geography at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Tomas H. Dyer, President

The Dyer Group

Tom Dyer is President of The Dyer Group, a Tampa based consulting firm specializing in strategic planning, permitting and alternative land use planning for private, corporate and public landowners. Tom is currently a consultant to the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP and was formerly Vice President of Two Rivers Ranch with senior management responsibilities for over 20,000 acres of lands in Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties.

Two Rivers Ranch was the recipient of: Conservationist of the Year Award from the American Farmland Trust, the 1995 Audubon Corporate Conservation Award, the 1995 Land Conservationist of the Year Award from the Florida Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation.

Tom is a former member of the Governor's Private Property Fights Commission, the Florida Water Management District Review Commission, Chair of the Commission's Land Acquisition & Management committee and was the Co-Chair of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Private Landowners Committee for Ecosystem Management. He is currently Chairman of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Task Force, the Florida Greenways Commission and serves as Vice Chairman of the Hillsborough County Blue Ribbon Committee on County Finances.

Tom is from Davie, Florida and has resided in Tampa since 1990.

Holly S. Greening, Senior Scientist
Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Professional Background

Dr. Greening's academic training involved extensive food web studies in North Florida estuaries. She received her MS in Marine Ecology from Florida State University in 1980. Other estuarine work included examining the effects of point and non-point pollution on water quality and biology in estuaries in South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Chesapeake Bay. As Research Coordinator for the Okefenokee Swamp Long-Term Ecological Research Grant (funded by NSF), Dr. Greening was responsible for the management, implementation, interpretation, and publication of results from several wetland ecology and water quality projects. As an environmental consultant from 1985 to 1991, she was responsible for the implementation and management of freshwater and estuarine projects for state, federal, and private clients, including studies on water quality in surface waters subject to acidic deposition or eutrophic conditions, watershed and lake restoration techniques, and the identification and management of point and non-point sources in lakes, streams, and estuaries.

Current Responsibilities

Dr. Greening's current position as Senior Scientist for the Tampa Bay Estuary Program includes the following major elements:

- Function as Project/Contract Manager for projects in the areas of general aquatic ecology, watershed management, water quality, information management, atmospheric deposition and toxic materials management.
- Design, conduct, and manage technical research projects, and provide information for management and regulatory activities to improve bay management.
- Serve as principal contact and liaison with federal, state, and local agencies and consultants.

Christine Kelly-Begazo, Statewide Coordinator
Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program, UF/IFAS

Christine Kelly-Begazo, is the Statewide Coordinator for the *Florida Yards & Neighborhoods (FY&N)* Program at the University of Florida. This program was developed to be an educational, outreach program to inform and educate the homeowner and lay person how to be more "environmental-friendly" with their lawn care practices. Ms. Kelly-Begazo is responsible for the coordination of the statewide expansion effort of this program; she supplies logistical, administrative and financial support to the FY&N program through the Cooperative Extension Service in each county. Ms. Kelly-Begazo is also the program liaison between the University of Florida and other partners (DEP, NEP, WCRWSA, Water Management Districts, etc.) of the FY&N program.

Woody Miley, Manager
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve

Woody Miley is the manager of the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Regional Administrator for Aquatic and Buffer Preserves in Northwest Florida, all of which are Florida Department of Environmental Protection programs. Woody earned a B.S. from the University of South Florida and an M.S. from Florida Atlantic University. He has worked in research for Florida Atlantic University, Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission, Florida Department of Natural Resources, University of Florida and Florida Department of Environmental Protection during his 30 year career.

Jerry A. Scarborough, Executive Director
Suwannee River Water Management District

Jerry Scarborough joined the Suwannee River Water Management District staff as Executive Director on January 1, 1990. He was Suwannee County Clerk of the Court for 14 years and former editor of the Suwannee Democrat newspaper.

Jerry Scarborough grew up in the Suwannee County area, graduating from Branford High School and then the University of Florida in 1971, with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism.

Before his appointment to Executive Director, Mr. Scarborough was involved in water resource management issues. Jerry served on the District's Surface Water Improvement and Management Advisory Committee, and as Chairman of the Suwannee River Resource Planning and Management Committee, a panel appointed by former Governor Bob Graham to develop ways to protect the Suwannee River.

Roger Sims, Partner
Holland and Knight, LLP

Roger Sims is a partner in the Holland & Knight Orlando office specializing in environmental law, water use and land use matters. He has extensive experience in groundwater, surface water, wetlands, solid waste and hazardous waste issues. Mr. Sims deals with many agencies on a regular basis, including the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Community Affairs, Southwest Florida Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District, and others. He has special expertise in the permitting of large projects, including developments of regional impact.

Mr. Sims served on an ad hoc rule development committee for surface water matters at the St. Johns River Water Management District. He has been on the Executive Council and served as Chairman of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar in 1988-89. He is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* for 1995-1998 (environmental law). He is a member of the University of Florida Council of Advisors for Research and Extension in Natural Resources. Mr. Sims currently serves on the American Bar Association Section on Natural Resources, Environmental and Energy Law (SONREEL). He chairs a national legal task group on wetlands for ASTM.

Mr. Sims earned his B.A., with high honors, in 1972 and his J.D. in 1974 from the University of Florida. He was on Moot Court and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Florida Blue Key, and Phi Alpha Delta fraternities.

**Mr. Joel S. Steward, Technical Program Manager for Coastal Basins
St. Johns River Water Management District**

Mr. Joel S. Steward received his B.S. in Biology from the College of William & Mary in 1976 and his M.S. in Biological Oceanography from Florida Institute of Technology in 1980. At that time, Mr. Steward's interests were in the biogeochemical cycling of trace elements in estuaries, particularly the determination of exceedance levels of potentially toxic metals in shellfish based on the ratio of those metal concentrations to heme metal cofactor concentrations.

Mr. Steward's interests broadened upon his employment with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) where he currently serves as Technical Program Manager for Coastal Basins programs, Division of Environmental Sciences. Over the last 10 years in that position, Mr. Steward has managed the Indian River Lagoon Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program, cooperatively funded by SJRWMD, local, and state sources. More recently, federal monies and management interests have been drawn in following the designation of the Lagoon as an Estuary of National Significance (a.k.a. National Estuary Program). Now, at all governmental levels, Mr. Steward is involved in the coordination of several agency programs to develop and pursue water quality, seagrass and salt marsh remediation objectives in the Indian River Lagoon basin.

The most significant of these objectives is the completion of the Lagoon's first coastal sub-basin restoration plan, the Turkey Creek sub-basin management initiative, by 2010. The initiative includes the \$24 million C-1 canal drainage re-diversion project (by 2005), the implementation of the multi-million dollar Palm Bay and Malabar stormwater management programs (by 2010), and the \$3 million dredging project to remove organic muck sediment deposits from the mouth of Turkey Creek (by 2000). Additionally, a Lagoon-wide model is in development that will be used as a tool to determine pollutant load reductions for the remaining sub-basins, and substantial progress has and is being made to rehabilitate the 35,000 acres of impounded salt marshes throughout the Lagoon basin in the SJRWMD.