

2017 Alabama/Georgia Water Resource & Economics Conference Agenda

Marriott Courtyard — Phenix City, Alabama

October 23-25, 2017

Monday, October 23

1:30–1:45 p.m. **Welcome – Eddie Lowe, Mayor, City of Phenix City**

Conference Opening

Billy G. Turner, Director, Troy University, Center for Water Resource Economics

Pam Burnett, Executive Director, Georgia Association of Water Professionals

Billy Houston, Executive Director, Tri Rivers Waterway Development Association

1:45–2:15 p.m. **Water Resource Issues – Southeast & National Overview**

[Dr. Bennett Bearden](#), Director of Water Policy and Law Institute, University of Alabama

Session 1 – Tri State Water Planning

2:15–2:45 p.m. **The Changing Role of Federal Hydropower**

[George Taylor, J.D.](#), Deputy General Counsel for Oglethorpe Power Corporation

2:45–3:15 p.m. **Water Resource Planning in Alabama**

[Dr. Pat O'Neil](#), Deputy Director, Geological Survey of Alabama

3:30–4:00 p.m. **Water Resource Planning in Florida**

[Richard Hamann, J.D.](#), Retired, Center for Governmental Responsibility at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law

4:00–4:30 p.m. **Water Resource Planning in Georgia**

[Dr. Gail Cowie](#), Assistant Branch Chief, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch

4:30–5:00 p.m. **U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Status Report**

[Wynne Fuller](#), Chief Operations Division Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

5:00–7:00 p.m. **Reception on the 14th Street Pedestrian Bridge**

Tuesday, October 24

Session 2 – Transboundary Discussions

9:00–9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Objectives – Success Stories from Southeastern U.S.**

Dr. Laurie Fowler, Director for Policy, River Basin Center, University of Georgia. Dr. Bennett Bearden, Director of Water Policy and Law Institute, University of Alabama

9:15–10:00 a.m. **Identifying Intersections to Form Innovative Partnerships for Source Water Protection**

[Braye Boardman](#), Founding Member of the Governors' Savannah River Committee of Georgia and South Carolina, Executive Director, Savannah River Clean Water Fund

10:00–10:30 a.m. **The Catawba-Wateree River: Conflict and Collaboration in the Carolinas**

[Jeff Lineberger](#), P.E., Director of Water Strategy & Hydro Licensing, Duke Energy,

and Director, Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group

10:45–11:15 a.m. **Ensuring More Efficient Agricultural Water Use Through Transboundary Cooperation**

[Dean E. Edson](#), Executive Director, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

11:15–12:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion on Common Successes/Transferability – Question and Answer Session**

- Brian Atkins, P.E., Division Chief, OWR State of Alabama, ADECA
- Dr. Gail Cowie, Assistant Branch Chief, Georgia Environmental Protection Division's, Watershed Protection Branch
- Ben Emanuel, Director of Clean Water Supply Program, American Rivers
- Cameron Handyside, Research Engineer, Earth System Science Center, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Brad Moore, President, Friends of Lake Eufaula
- Chad Taylor, ACFS Agriculture Representative Apalachicola Caucus

12:00–1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

Introductions – Dr. David White, Vice Chancellor, Troy University Phenix City Campus

Water Conflicts in the Missouri River Basin

[Karen Rouse](#), Surface Water Chief, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

1:15–1:30 p.m. **Don C. Hines Achievement Award in Water Resource Economics**

Dr. David White, Vice Chancellor Phenix City Campus, Troy University

Billy Turner, Director of the Troy University Center for Water Resource Economics

1:30–2:15 p.m. **Managing Across State Boundaries During Drought**

[Dr. Cherie Schultz](#), Director for CO-OP Operations, Section for Cooperative Water Supply Operations on the Potomac, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin

2:15–3:00 p.m. **Managing Environmental Flows Cooperatively**

[Andrew "Drew" Dehoff](#), P.E., Executive Director, Susquehanna River Basin Commission

3:30–4:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion on Managing During Drought and Environmental Flows**

- Dr. Steve Leitman, Adjunct Professor, Florida State University
- Tom Littlepage, OWR Water Management Unit Chief, ADECA/Office of Water Resources
- Chris Manganiello, Water Policy Director, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
- Jim Poff, Assistant General Manager Operations, Clayton County Water Authority