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AGENDA

Southwest Florida Water Management District Scientific Peer Review Panel Meeting Wetland-Based Criteria for Establishing Minimum Wetland and Lake Levels

Monday, May 23, 2022 9:00 am to 12:00 PM

TELECONFERENCE

Call-in number: 1 (786)-749-6127; Conference ID: 242 673 199# Teams teleconference link: <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> Detailed Teams teleconference link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

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- 1. Introductory information, minimum water levels and peer review overview, and web forum information presented by: Doug Leeper, District MFLs Program Lead
- 2. Sunshine Law information presented by Adrienne Vining, District Assistant General Counsel
- 3. Wetland-based criteria for establishing minimum wetland and lake levels presented by: Doug Leeper
- 4. Peer review panel business/activities facilitated by: Doug Leeper, John Emery, Panel Chair, Brian Ormiston, Panelist, and James Bays, Panelist
- 5. Public comment period moderated by Doug Leeper

Participants will be asked to save their comments until the public comment portion of the teleconference. If you wish to speak during the public comment period, please identify yourself to the Moderator (Doug Leeper), who will then facilitate your input. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. In appropriate circumstances, the Moderator may grant exceptions to the three-minute limit.

For questions or to submit additional public comment on the peer review of the proposed wetland-based criteria for establishing minimum wetland and lake levels, please use the Web Board at <u>https://swfwmd.discussion.community/categories</u> that has been established to allow public access to and participation in communications among the Panel Chair and other members of the independent peer review panel created to conduct the peer review. The Web Board will be available for public comment from 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2022, through 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2022, and available for public viewing from May 23, 2022, through at least June 30, 2023. Questions or additional public comment may alternatively be submitted to Doug Leeper by email at doug.leeper@watermatters.org, by telephone at 352-397-7840 or 1-800-423-1476 or 352-796-7211, extension 4272, or by mail at the address listed at the top of this agenda.

For persons without access to the Internet, access to the Web Board during the public comment period is available at the headquarters office of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday.

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