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FLERA Legislative Day – March 25th

Register today for the Annual FLERA Legislative Day on Thursday, March 25th in Tallahassee. The briefing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Chambers of the Leon County Commission, just across from the Capitol. Please join us for a quick “how to” educate your Legislative Delegation followed by afternoon visits to the Capitol. More information and the registration form are available at <http://www.flera.org/legislative.html>. There is no cost to attend but you must register by March 19th. The FLERA Legislative Day is being held in coordination with the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day and Reception on March 24th.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Holds Public Meetings on Numeric Nutrient Criteria

Several public meetings on Estuarine Numeric Nutrient Criteria for waters and rivers have been scheduled in March. In addition, there is also a Public Meeting of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria Technical Advisory Committee on March 10th in Tallahassee. Visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/notices.htm> for meeting details and locations.

FLERA Posts 2010 Legislative Policy Statement

The FLERA 2010 Legislative Policy Statement on environmental issues has been posted on the FLERA website at <http://www.flera.org/legislative.html>. The Policy Statement includes: Regulatory Reform, Environmental Finance, Delegation of Environmental Permitting, Fertilizer and Landscaping, Land Conservation and Preservation, Energy and Brownfields. If you have any questions, please contact the Legislative Committee Chair, Rick Tschantz at Tschantz@epchc.org.

Living Shorelines Workshop

The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative’s Habitat Working Group is pleased to announce a Living Shorelines Workshop on April 20, 2010 in West Palm Beach. Living shorelines use plants and other natural materials to stabilize the shoreline, minimize coastal erosion, and maintain coastal processes while also enhancing the natural shoreline habitat for the benefit of property owners as well as fish and other wildlife. Space is limited. Please go to <http://livingshorelines.eventbrite.com/> to view workshop details, tentative agenda and to register. The workshop is free, but registration is required. If you have questions please contact Erin McDevitt at Erin.McDevitt@myFWC.com or call (561) 625-5122 ext. 130.

White Paper on Sustainable Remediation Published

The U.S. Sustainable Remediation Forum (“SURF”) has published a comprehensive white paper on “Integrating Sustainable Principles, Practices, and Metrics into Remediation Projects.” The paper, which appeared in the Summer 2009 Remediation Journal, reviews many current sustainability concepts and practices as applied to remediation and the barriers to successful implementation, along with a comprehensive collection of case studies that illustrate the impact of sustainability throughout the remediation project life cycle. SURF is a voluntary organization composed of representatives from industry, several federal agencies, state regulators, consulting firms and educational institutions. The group focuses on “finding scientific and engineering approaches and alternatives that reduce the secondary impacts of remediation on the environment.” You can download the paper from the SURF library at www.sustainableremediation.org. FLERA member, Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. (GES), is a member of SURF and a contributor to the white paper. For more information on the responsible consideration and innovative application of sustainable remediation principles, please contact Ben LaMonte at blamonte@gesonline.com.

Grant Opportunities

Visit the FLERA Grant-links page for new listings that include:

FDEP Land and Water Conservation Grants, <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/oirs>

Energy Efficient Building Systems Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative <http://www.energy.gov/hubs/eric.htm>

and more - http://www.flera.org/links_grants.html

Coming to Your Inbox Next Week

FLERA is asking members to complete a survey to help identify the tools and resources you need. Please take a few minutes to answer the short 7-question survey when it arrives.

FLERA Membership Renewals

FLERA’s fiscal year begins January 1st. Some of the member benefits include free educational days, updates on legislative issues, the *Focus e-newsletter* and registration discounts to attend the Annual Conference in August. **Send in your renewal today!**