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Association News

COMMUNICATIONS:

LinkedIn Available for FLERA Members

FLERA's LinkedIn Group has been added as a service for all 2011 members. Look for the invitation to join in early January! This "social networking" tool will give you the opportunity to discuss environmental issues, programs and new directions with other members at any time.

FLERA Focus gets a Facelift

FLERA's e-newsletter, the FOCUS, will be better than ever with a new look and delivery system beginning with the next edition. FLERA will be using new software for newsletter design and distribution.

Also new for 2011 - Sponsorship Opportunities for the Newsletter!

FLERA Associate members have the opportunity to sponsor up to six newsletters! At only \$50 per edition, this is a great way to reach your target market. Details will be available for the February newsletter sponsorship soon.

LEGISLATIVE:

Legislative Committee Activities

FLERA's Board of Directors is working to improve and enhance reporting of legislative issues during the 2011 Session. The newly formed Legislative Committee will be responsible for adopting FLERA's official position, monitoring the Legislative process, and reporting and communicating the status of issues to members. FLERA will be adding the "LobbyTools" bill-tracking feature to the *Member's Only* section of its website. Regular updates on key issues will be posted on the FLERA website and available for your use.

EDUCATION:

2011 Annual Conference

FLERA's recent member survey indicated that travel and training dollars are still limited, so we will be doing everything possible to facilitate your attendance at the 2011 Conference! The Conference is scheduled for July 27-29, 2011 at the Hyatt Sarasota, with new activities for conference attendees. The Call for Presentations will be out in January – watch the conference web-page for updates.

Free Quarterly Education Days for Members

Be sure to **renew your membership** soon so you can enjoy all the enhanced member benefits in 2011. Membership support is key to the continued expansion of services and your

assistance in growing FLERA's membership is a key part of maintaining our ability to protect and improve environmental quality in Florida.

FLERA Legislative Day - Tallahassee on March 24th.

Be sure to attend this important event in March. It's *free* for FLERA members and their guests. The 2011 Session is shaping up to be a critical year for the protection of the environment and the authority of cities and counties to enact local pollution control measures. Your attendance at the March Legislative Day is more important than ever! Register today at <http://www.flera.org/legislative.html>.

NEW MEMBERS:

Geosyntec Consultants, Ms. Nandra Weeks

News From Around the State

Environmental Protection/Water Management Districts Transition Team

Governor-elect Scott has released the names of those persons named to his transition team responsible for environmental and natural resources issues. They are:

- ♦ Doug Manson, Manson Law Group
- ♦ Melissa Meeker, Hesperides Group
- ♦ Barbara Miedema, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida
- ♦ Mike Taylor, Honeywell
- ♦ Ann Shortelle, MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.
- ♦ Albert Joerger, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
- ♦ John Hankinson, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
- ♦ Carlos Beruff, Medallion Home
- ♦ Chris Buckley, Everglades Foundation Board of Directors
- ♦ Tracy Duda Chapman, A. Duda and Sons, Inc

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Winter Edition of the Lake Worth Lagoon E-News

http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/erm/lakes/estuarine/lake-worth-lagoon/pdf/LWL_E-News_Winter10.pdf

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