



Florida Water and Climate Alliance (FloridaWCA)

WORKSHOP 9 –Agenda

Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 8:30 – 4:00pm

Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC), Safety & Training Conference Room
at the Gardenia Avenue office, 3800 Gardenia Avenue, Orlando, FL

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Overall Working Group Goal: Unfold the need for, and enhance the usability of, climate change and variability data and tools in the planning and operations of Florida’s public water supply utilities.

Workshop Objectives

1. FloridaWCA – learning community progress, updates, and sustainability
2. Understanding different thinking, learning and communication styles and why they matter.
3. Sharing recent results of NOAA project focused on use of seasonal data to minimize operational risk for water supply and ecosystem restoration.
4. Exploring practical application of seasonal data - where does it fit in helping with decision making? How can it be used?
5. Determine FloridaWCA next steps.

Agenda:

- 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 8:45- 9:45 Session 1: FloridaWCA learning community – introductions, updates, website, opportunities, and sustainability (Lisette Staal)
- 9:45 – 10:30 Session 2: Ways of learning, thinking and communicating (Tracy Irani)
Presentation: How differences matter in linking Science and Action.
- 10:30 BREAK
- 10:45 – 12:00 Session 2: (continued) (Tracy Irani)
Activity and discussion: Understanding learning, thinking and communicating – why and how it can help us reach “our”goals.
- 12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 – 2:00 Session 3: Use of Seasonal Climate Forecasts to Minimize Short-Term Operational Risks for Water Supply and Ecosystem Restoration.
- Presentation: "Assessing the seasonal skill of the National Multi-Model Ensemble" (Chris Martinez and Di Tian)
Discussion:
- Presentation: Practical applicability from the user perspective. - “How we use seasonal forecasts at Tampa Bay Water” (Tirusew Asefa)
Discussion:
- 2:00 – 3:00 Session 4: Practical applicability from the user perspective
Presentation: How can we use seasonal data to help with decision-making? Peace River Manasota Regional Water Authority (Kevin Morris)
Activity/discussion:
- 3:00 - BREAK
- 3:15 – 4:00 Session 5: What is next for FloridaWCA Learning Community- (Lisette Staal, All)
Discussion: Next Steps, Reflection and Evaluation