The Florida Water and Climate Alliance Summer Webinar: Water, Climate and COVID-19 July 22, 10:30-11:30am

Webinar description:

Researchers and practitioners are starting to explore interactions between COVID-19, water demand and climate, which have implications for the water sector in Florida and on a national scale. This webinar will feature recent research on **impacts of COVID-19 on water demand trends in Florida** as well as a discussion on COVID-19 and climate change interactions, such as **hurricane season considerations and susceptibility to the disease**. The FloridaWCA will also provide a sneak peek at the latest high-resolution seasonal forecasts they have developed as part of a NASA-funded research project.

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction to the Florida Water & Climate Alliance
- Updates: Integrating NASA Earth Systems Data into Decision-Making Tools of Member Utilities of the FloridaWCA
 - Dr. Vasu Misra, Professor of Meteorology, Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies, Florida State University
 - <u>Dr. Tracy Irani, Professor and Department Chair, Family Youth and Community Science,</u>
 <u>University of Florida/IFAS</u>
- Impacts of COVID-19 on water demand in Florida and nation-wide
 - Dr. Tirusew Asefa, Manager, Planning & System Decision Support, Tampa Bay Water
- ➤ Interactions of COVID-19 and climate change
 - Dr. Vasu Misra, Professor of Meteorology, Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies, Florida State University
- Question and answer session