

WATER REGULATIONS AND RESOURCES

Supporting Science-Based Water Solutions



Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam addresses the need for long-term, science-based water policies at the Florida Chamber Foundation's annual Future of Florida Forum.

Why It Matters to Florida

Florida's ongoing economic recovery has fueled growth in all areas- from population growth to private-sector job creation. In fact, Florida is now the third most populous state in the nation and since December 2010 has created more than 1.4 million private-sector jobs.

But, an increased population means an increased need for vital resources such as water. Florida's population is expected to grow by 5.4 million more residents by 2030, residents that will consume approximately nine billion gallons of water each day. From a single glass of water to fueling Florida's large agriculture economy, water discussions must take into account the needs of the future so sound policies can be enacted today.

Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

The Florida Chamber growth estimates place Florida's water demand at 20 percent higher between now and 2030. The Florida Chamber understands that enacting strong, science-based water quality standards now will protect Florida's natural and economic resources for the future.

"To secure Florida's water future, we really have to follow science; science has to lead the way."

DR. BRIAN LAPOINTE

Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch
Oceanographic Institute

As part of its ongoing efforts to help secure Florida's water future, the Florida Chamber of Commerce announced an educational partnership in March 2016 with Dr. Brian Lapointe, Research Professor at Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. *Securing Florida's Water Future* is a series of educational videos solely focused on ensuring Florida's water future is sustainable and provides the quality of life Floridians and visitors deserve.

The most recent video in the series of educational videos demonstrates why following science-based research is important to securing Florida's water future, and sheds light on the algae blooms on the St. Lucie Estuary that followed unusually heavy rainfall the winter and spring of 2016.

The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues

With a larger population and increasing demand for resources on the horizon, science-based solutions that take into account the needs of Floridians and our precious natural resources will help move us in the right direction. Adopting smart growth policies will benefit small businesses and families by growing the private sector and will protect Florida's natural resources for the future.

ACT NOW:

Adopting smart policies that take into consideration long-term need, will benefit Florida's families and businesses. Join us in our battle to find sustainable water solutions for our state.

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