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## Envision Florida

*Defining Excellence for Florida's Economic, Environmental and Social Future!*

### Tim,

With summer coming to a close and school about to start again, we all have the opportunity to tackle new challenges no matter what grade level. It is with that spirit that the Council is setting forth its agenda for the coming year. Read further to find out how you can help.

## Council Winners to be Honored by Governor and Cabinet

### August 15th Cabinet Meeting in Tallahassee



Tropical Storm Alberto threatened Florida's shores in June cutting the Council's annual Best Practices Awards recognition short. We were grateful that **Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings** broke away from the state's Emergency Operations Center to speak at the awards reception.

The winners are returning to Tallahassee this month. **Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher** along with **Governor Jeb Bush**, **Agricultural Commissioner Charles Bronson** and **Attorney General Charlie Crist** will present a resolution to the winners at their August 15th Cabinet meeting.

[Meet the winners...](#)

## Campus Sustainability Conference to Focus on Best Practices

### Head to Gainesville this October



The Gator Nation has more than football on their minds this fall as the University of Florida hosts the inaugural **Campus & Community Sustainability Conference**. The theme is **Sharing Best Practices and Visions for Florida's Future**.

The Council is a proud sponsor of the conference and is working with UF to provide something for everyone. Plans are also underway to hold the event at a different University campus each Fall. Let us know if you are interested in getting involved.

[Learn more and register now...](#)

## Collins Center and Hurricanes

### *Collins Center - Thinking. Doing. For Florida.*



The Council for Sustainable Florida is but one of the many successful initiatives carried out under the umbrella of programs of the Collins Center for Public Policy. For example, did you know that the Collins Center's Hurricane Mediation Program is the largest catastrophic mediation program in the world?

For the last two years, in partnership with the Florida Department of Financial Services, the Collins Center Hurricane Mediation Program has worked with homeowners and insurance companies to resolve claims resulting from more than 15 storms.

More than 10,000 cases (92% of those handled) from 2004 storms and nearly 2,500 cases (90%) from 2005 were settled. Consumers don't pay a penny and a typical mediation lasts about two hours.

[Discover the Collins Center for Public Policy...](#)

## Partner Highlight: Rayonier

### **2002 Best Practices Winner Keeps Charging Ahead**



What do time release aspirin, South Africa and bubbling fluidized bed combustion have to do with Fernandina Beach? Everything if you are **Rayonier** - a global supplier of timber, performance fibers and wood products with customers in more than 50

countries.

CSF *Florida Panther* level Partner Rayonier was a 2002 Best Practices Award Winner for their Fernandina-based Performance Fibers Mill project that dramatically improved the water quality in the Amelia River Estuary. Now they are **reducing by 90% their dependence on fossil fuel** with a more efficient boiler with dramatically fewer emissions making them more competitive with increasing competition from South Africa and South America.

[Learn more about Rayonier and other CSF partners...](#)

## Thank You FPL Foundation!



The Council is always grateful for its partners and donors. Thank you to its newest **Royal Palm** level donor **FPL Foundation**. FPL has been a major supporter of Council activities and long-time donor to our program. This increased level of financial support is indicative of the confidence in the state's premier sustainability organization.

Becoming a partner has never been easier. The Council relies upon the support of private contributions from individual and corporate partners and grants from foundations. An investment in the Council is an investment in the future of Florida.

[Become a partner today!](#)

## News and Notes



**Eric Draper**, CSF Board Member and Deputy

Director of Audubon of Florida, was busy these past couple months helping lead a coalition that resulted in the state purchase of **Babcock Ranch**. To learn more about the largest and most unique conservation purchase in Florida's history from the link below.

**Kathy Baughman McLeod**, CSF Board Member and Principal with Healthy Development, was busy with the 21st Century Summit - Environmental Conservation: Keys to a Sustainable Florida. Incoming **Senate President Ken Pruitt** received valuable input from the state's environmental leaders to help set his 2-year agenda.

[More news...](#)

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