

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

SWANA FL 2024
Winter Conference

February 19-21
Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando
Disney Springs Area



Welcome

A Message From the President



February 2024

Preparing for and dealing with change is never easy. From bringing in a new year (I cannot believe it is 2024 already) to managing the ever changing financial, business, and regulatory environments, we all work hard to anticipate and plan for change in our industries. That is why it is more important than ever to come together, learn from each other, and improve ourselves and our people so that we can manage the changes that are coming down the road. The Program Committee has assembled a fantastic program for the conference that focuses on tomorrow and what is coming, including legislative and regulatory developments, composting and food waste programs, sustainability programs, and communications. Our technical divisions will again be hosting the roundtables. If you have not had a chance to participate, they have become the highlight of our programs in recent years. Each table focuses on a specific aspect of our industry, from landfills to collections, recycling, and waste-to-energy, there is a seat at the table for everyone to ask questions, share successes (and the occasional failure), and connect with each other to grow your network.

SOAR 2024 is in Phoenix this year and is once again the premier technical conference for the solid waste industry including various educational sessions, training programs and courses. It also includes the SWANA Safety Summit as we continue our effort to get the solid waste industry out of the top five most dangerous jobs in the U.S. Also, I want to thank the Road-E-O Committee and the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County for organizing and hosting the 2024 Road-E-O where we will once again bring together the best-of-the-best drivers, mechanics, and heavy equipment operators to compete for a chance to go to the International Road-E-O later this year. Finally, we are back in Orlando for the SWANA FL 2024 Summer Conference in July at the beautiful Rosen Plaza Hotel, so be on the lookout for the call-for-papers, registration, and program information in the coming months.

Enjoy the conference and make new connections because only by learning from each other can we truly be ready for change and go together towards tomorrow. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Timmons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J".

Jason Timmons
SWANA FL President

Save the Dates

2024 SWANA FL Road-E-O

April 26-27, 2024 | Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens | Palm Beach Gardens, FL

2024 SWANA FL Summer Conference

July 14-16, 2024 | Rosen Plaza Hotel | Orlando, FL

Schedule of Events

Monday, February 19

Time	Location	Function
12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Coral Foyer	Registration Desk Open
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Coral AB	Board of Directors Meeting <i>All members welcome</i>
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	City Beautiful Terrace	Welcome Reception <i>Sponsored by Sennebogen LLC</i>

Tuesday, February 20

Time	Location	Function	Speaker
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Coral Foyer	Registration Desk Open	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	The Commons 2 nd Floor	Breakfast	
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Coral Ballroom	Opening Remarks & Educational Sessions Landfill Design for Operations: Money Now or Headaches Later Current Regulatory and Legislative Issues Facing the Waste to Energy Industry: A FWTEC Perspective Synergy – The United States Composting Council (USCC) and the Florida Composting Council’s (FLCC) Efforts to Expand Composting in the State of Florida	<i>Moderator: Jason Timmons, Sarasota County, SWANA FL Chapter President</i> <i>Jason Timmons, Sarasota County</i> <i>Joe Kilsheimer, FWTEC</i> <i>Chris Snow, Veransa, Inc.</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Coral Foyer	Morning Networking Break	
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Coral Ballroom	Educational Sessions A Critical Review of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Landfill Disposal in the US. Leachate Evaporation for PFAS Separation Operation and Cost Considerations - PFAS Treatment in Landfill Leachate	<i>Moderator: Sarah Gustitus-Graham, Geosyntec Consultants</i> <i>Nicole Robey, Innovative Technical Solution</i> <i>Matt Holub and Mike Ditton, Heartland Water Technology</i> <i>Ivan Cooper, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.</i>

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, February 20 (Continued)

Time	Location	Function	Speaker
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	The Commons 2 nd Floor	Lunch <i>Sponsored by CrowderGulf</i>	
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Coral Ballroom	Educational Sessions Disaster Debris Preparedness and Response Panel (<i>one hour</i>) 2023 Puerto Rico Waste Characterization Study Desktop Waste Characterization: An Alternative to Traditional Waste Sorts	<i>Moderator: Thierry Boveri, Raftelis</i> <i>Amanda Condomina, Lee County Solid Waste, Joe Hayes, CrowderGulf Disaster Recovery & Debris Management, Nicole Lehman, Thompson Consulting Services</i> <i>Jill Gaffigan, Giorgio Castro and Bishow Shaha, Geosyntec Consultants; Aurimar Rodriguez Morales and Hanna K. Rodriguez Morales, IEMES</i> <i>Sarah Gustitus-Graham, Geosyntec Consultants</i>
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Coral Foyer	Afternoon Networking Break	
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Coral Ballroom	Educational Sessions Is Separate Food Waste Collection and Management on the Horizon Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence (FORCE) Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Revolutionize Waste Management: Targeting Contamination and Overflows at the Source	<i>Moderator: Tobin McKnight, Jones Edmunds</i> <i>David Deans, SWANA FL Past President</i> <i>Mitch Kessler, Kessler Consulting</i> <i>Tony Genovese, Waste Vision AI</i>
<i>Enjoy Dinner on Your Own</i>			

CEUs/PDHs

Attendees can earn up to 11.5 PDHs toward their SWANA recertification by attending the conference. Professional Engineers will also have the opportunity to earn continuing education course hours. State of Florida CEUs are pending. Please be sure to stop by the registration desk for the necessary paperwork.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, February 21

Time	Location	Function	Speaker
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Coral Foyer	Registration Desk Open	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	The Commons 2 nd Floor	Breakfast	
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Coral Ballroom	Educational Sessions Threads for Teds: A Sustainable Approach to Textile Waste Quantifying the Impact of Recycling Contamination on Acceptable Materials Leaf It Out: Eliminating Plastic Bags from the Yard Waste Stream	<i>Moderator: Dan Cooper, SCS Engineers</i> <i>Lauren “Xue” Lotenfoe, City of Orlando</i> <i>Brent Dieleman, SCS Engineers, Jeanmarie Massa, Miami-Dade County</i> <i>Brian Usher and Wendi Crisp, Sarasota County Solid Waste</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Coral Foyer	Morning Networking Break	
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Coral Ballroom	Technical Division Roundtables Landfill Management Waste to Energy Collection and Transfer Recycling and Special Waste Landfill Gas and Biogas Planning and Management	<i>Moderators:</i> <i>Jason Timmons, Sarasota County</i> <i>Josh Miller, HDR and Wei Liu, CDM Smith</i> <i>Bryant Johnson, Hillsborough County</i> <i>Marissa Segundo, Transformations PR and Allison Trulock, NewGen Strategies & Solutions</i> <i>Dan Cooper and Stephanie Liptak, SCS Engineers</i> <i>Thierry Boveri and Sarah Neely, Raftelis</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	The Commons 2 nd Floor	Lunch	
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Coral Ballroom	Educational Sessions How to Effectively Engage Through Powerful Partnerships and Constructive Communications Trash on Fire: A Lithium Battery Public Education Campaign Legislative Update	<i>Moderator: Earl Gloster</i> <i>Samantha Kappalman, RRS, Marissa Segundo, Transformations PR</i> <i>Jessica Winter, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County</i> <i>Willie Puz, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County</i>

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