

Alabama Water Policy Symposium

Comer Hall Auditorium-Room 207

Auburn University, Alabama

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

May 10th, 2013

Sponsors: AU Water Resources Center, Alabama River Alliance, Alabama Water Watch and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System

9:30 Registration ***Please park in the Library Parking Deck or Comer Hall Lot for free parking**

Morning Moderator: Sam Fowler- Director, Auburn University Water Resources Center

10:00 **Welcome** – Dr. William Batchelor, Dean of Auburn University College of Agriculture

10:10 **Symposium Overview and Goals** -- Mitch Reid, Program Director, Alabama Rivers Alliance

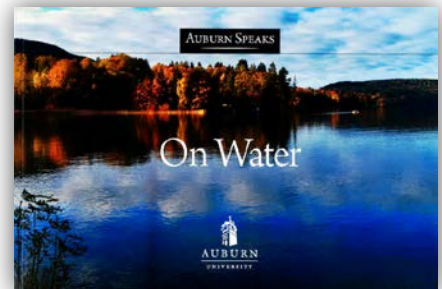
10:30 **Overview of the AWAAG Efforts** in Developing Alabama's Water Management Plan – Bennett Bearden, Chair of AWAAG, the Alabama Water Agencies Working Group

11:15 **Role of the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee** on Water Policy and management in getting the Plan adopted and implemented – Comments from invited committee members and legislators

11:45 **Question and Answer session** with members of AWAAG and Joint Legislative Committee on Water Policy and Management

12:00 **Lunch** – Sponsored by AU Water Resources Center

***Auburn Speaks on Water** book sales (price: \$15+tax)*



12:30 **Lunch Presentation:** Jim Giattina, Director, Water Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, will speak on the importance of science-based data for protecting stream and river flows, and how Alabama's efforts can complement the Clean Water Act protections of our state's waters

Afternoon Moderator: Cindy Lowry, Executive Director, Alabama Rivers Alliance

1:00 ***The role of science-based information in Alabama’s Water Management Plan:*** Examples of how recent AU water-related research projects can guide the development of Alabama’s Water Plan – selected AU faculty with articles in the publication *Auburn Speaks on Water* :

Conversion of Forest to Urban Cover in Aquifer Recharge Zones: Effects on Drinking Water Quality and Willingness to Pay for Protection *by Graeme Lockaby, David LaBand, and Marlon Cook*pg 168

How Climate Change Could Affect Alabama’s Rainfall—And Why It Matters:
by Golbahar Mirhosseini and Puneet Srivastava.....pg 72

Watering Alabama’s Rural Economy: The Alabama Universities Irrigation Initiative
by Samuel R. Fowler and Richard McNiderpg 95

Watershed Services: The Ecology, Business, Politics, and Social Impacts of Managing Inland Water Systems
by Wayde Morse, Christopher J. Anderson, and Quint Newcomer.....pg 222

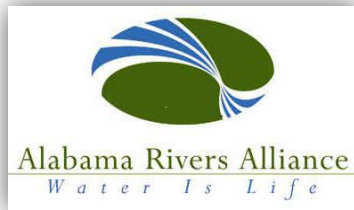
Alabama Water Watch and Global Water Watch: Models of Community-Based Watershed Stewardship *by William G. Deutsch*.....pg 256

2:00 – ***Panel Discussion*** of the challenges in developing and implementing Alabama’s Water Plan – what are the obstacles and what else do we need to know?

2:30 – ***Opportunity for public input*** to the AWAWG from participants

3:30 – ***Door Prize Drawing and Adjourn***

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