



# PACA Media Release

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## **Southwest Florida Water Management District to discuss stormwater and drought issues concerning communities on July 9, 2009.**

LAND O' LAKES -- Ronald E. Oakley, who is on Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (**Swiftmud**), will speak of water issues at the July 9, 2009 meeting of the Pasco Alliance of Community Associations (PACA).

The meeting, open to the public as well as to PACA members, begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the Land O' Lakes Community Center located at 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. (US 41), three miles north of SR 54.

Mr. Oakley was appointed to the Swiftmud Governing Board in June 2007 and his term expires March 1, 2011. In May 2009, he was elected Vice Chair. He has spent the majority of his career as a citrus grower which has given him an insight into managing Swiftmud water resources. Accompanying Mr. Oakley will be Ed Hobin, who joined Swiftmud in 1987 and has 33 years in the field of water management and water treatment. Together, they will address the numerous water management issues that are being faced by the Pasco County communities.

PACA President Bill Parsons said, "The PACA meeting on July 9 can save the residents in communities a lot of money by helping the CDD and HOA Boards know how they can take steps to prevent pond erosion as well as helping the residents avoid fines. Most of the PACA communities have experienced costly repairs to their ponds in order to meet Swiftmud requirements. The speakers will provide the PACA members tips on how to avoid costly repairs and what the residents can do to avoid fines, especially during droughts that the Tampa Bay area has recently experienced. These types of meetings are why the communities have joined PACA and why those that have not joined should consider doing so."

PACA is a not-for-profit organization whose members include representatives from 75 of Pasco County's homeowner associations, community development districts and condominium associations. PACA assists members by educating them on common issues and finding solutions to shared problems. It also represents the interests of members before all levels of government.

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