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James (Jim) William Beever III is expert in Natural Resources and Climate Change in southwest Florida. Jim is a Planner IV for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC). His work in climate change planning includes the Comprehensive Southwest Florida/Charlotte Harbor Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, City of Punta Gorda Adaptation Plan Adopted November 18, 2009, Model Ordinances/ Comprehensive Plan Language Development, Lee County Climate Change Resiliency Strategy, Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Opportunities for Salt Marsh Types in Southwest Florida, and Estimating and Forecasting Ecosystem Services within Pine Island Sound including Sea Level Rise Effects. Other responsibilities include implementing the environmental planning review for the SWFRPC; the fertilizer management planning and the model Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Fertilizer Resolution #07-01 for the 6 County Area; the Development of a Functional Assessment Method to Evaluate the Water Quality Benefits of Designed Freshwater and Brackish Water Ecosystems Used for Water Quality Treatment; Statewide Conservation Easement Mapping; the Estero Bay State of the Bay 2014; coordinating Regional Wildlife Habitat Planning, review of Developments of Regional Impact, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration implementation, Southwest Florida Watershed Study, wildlife resource inventory, fish and wildlife

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