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Governor Rick Scott Appoints Two to South Florida Water Management District

Tallahassee, Fla. - Today, Governor Rick Scott announced the reappointment of Daniel O'Keefe and the appointment of Federico Fernandez to the South Florida Water Management District.

O'Keefe, 48, of Windermere, is an attorney with Shutts and Bowan LLP. He previously served on both the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. O'Keefe received both his bachelor's degree and his law degree from the University of Florida. He is reappointed for a term beginning August 26, 2016, and ending March 1, 2020.

Fernandez, 40, of Coral Gables, is an attorney with DiFalco and Fernandez LLP. He currently serves as a Bacardi Family Foundation board member and previously served as a member of the Dade Heritage Trust. Fernandez received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and a law degree from Emory University. He succeeds Anne Batchelor Robjohns and is appointed for a term beginning August 26, 2016, and ending March 1, 2020.

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

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