

Eva Vélez, P.E.

Everglades Policy & Coordination

Eva Vélez became the South Florida Water Management District's Director of Everglades Policy and Coordination in September 2017. Vélez previously served for two years as the District's Office Chief of State Policy and Agricultural Coordination, Section Lead of Dispersed Water Management and Lead Engineer in Engineering and Construction. Prior to joining the District in 2015, she worked in the private sector for 15 years with an emphasis on water resources projects at the regional and local level in South Florida.

Vélez earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from the University of Florida. She is a professional engineer registered in the state of Florida.

Vélez coordinates, develops and implements comprehensive policy and projects to preserve, restore and protect the South Florida ecosystem while recognizing the needs of external constituents and stakeholders. She supervises interactions with the agency's restoration partners at both the federal and state levels.