



Weathering the Storm: Infrastructure Strategies for the Future

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Session Description: Whether your state is affected by sea-level rise, severe drought, wildfires or other climate impacts, protecting its natural and built infrastructure means making decisions about equitable and impactful investments. This session will showcase state approaches to managing climate risk and provide you with decision-making tools to help allocate resources and make the most of what you've got—and what you need to keep.

Biographies

Moderator

**Aaron Ray, Associate Director, Environment,
Energy and Transportation
National Conference of State Legislatures**

Panelists

**Representative Steve Gunderson
Montana House of Representatives**

Representative Gunderson is a veteran and retired small business owner. He has lived in Libby, in the Northwest corner of Montana, since 1969. He has worked in the timber, mining, and oilfield industries in addition to owning and operating numerous construction and retail businesses. Representative Gunderson has been a member of the House Business and Labor, Local Government and Natural Resources standing committees each of his three sessions. This session he was also a member of House Rules as well as Chairman of House Natural Resources. He's also a member of Montana's most powerful interim committee, EQC (Environmental Quality Council), that has oversight over Fish Wildlife and Parks, Dept. of Natural Resources and Dept. of Environmental Quality.

**Stephanie Johnson
Assistant Director, Division of Transportation
Resiliency and Sustainability
Delaware Department of Transportation
(DelDOT)**

Stephanie Johnson is the Assistant Director for DelDOT's recently created Division of Transportation Resiliency and Sustainability focused on improving the resiliency of our transportation network and the impacts climate change and sea-level rise are having on Delaware's transportation

infrastructure. Ms. Johnson's career within DelDOT spans over twenty years and has included positions within accounting, audit, finance, and planning. The last several years of her career have been heavily focused on resiliency and sustainability initiatives including the collection and evaluation of data related to frequently flooded roadways and the collaboration with sister agencies, local governments, and non-government organizations to address coastal flooding, the reduction of greenhouse emissions, and explore innovative solutions related to resilience and sustainability. Ms. Johnson has a bachelor's degree in business administration and resides in Little Heaven, Delaware with her husband and youngest daughter.

**Michael Jarro
Vice President, Distribution Operations
Florida Power & Light Company**

Michael Jarro is vice president, distribution operations. In his current role he is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL's) electric distribution infrastructure including control center operations that serve the more than five million customer accounts in the company's Florida service territory. He leads a workforce of over 1,650 engineers, technicians and union employees. Mr. Jarro joined FPL in 1997 and has held several leadership positions in distribution operations and customer service. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Miami and a master's degree in business administration from Florida International University. He is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt. He is a member of Southeastern Electric Exchange Executive Committee, the University of Miami MS in Construction Management Advisory Board and Florida International University College of Engineering and Computing Executive Advisory Council.