

Richard Hamann Awarded MARJORIE CARR AWARD from FLMS



Carol Lippincott accepting the Marjorie Carr award on behalf of Richard Hamann who was in Costa Rica teaching a water resource short course. Shannon Carter Wetzel, FLMS President, presenting the award. John Walkinshaw, Board member, making the announcement.

Richard Hamann was awarded the MARJORIE CARR AWARD at the 22nd annual Florida Lakes Management Society Conference, June 2011. The MARJORIE CARR AWARD is the Society's highest award and is given for life time work on behalf of Florida's aquatic resources.

Mr. Hamann is an attorney on the staff of the Center for Governmental Responsibility at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law who specializes in the evaluation and development of legal frameworks for the management of water, waterways, watersheds and related natural systems. He joined the college in 1976 and became Assistant Director of the Center for Government Responsibility in 1988. Mr. Hamann was appointed to a four-year term in an at-large seat on the SJRWMD Governing Board in May 2009. He conducts research and teaches classes on water, wetlands, wildlife, watersheds and coastal law and policy. He is also a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee to UF's Water Institute. Mr. Hamann has previously served the District as chairman of the Orange Creek Basin Advisory Council and as a member of the Ocklawaha Basin Board.

Mr. Hamann has served as chairman of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar, president of Florida Defenders of the Environment and a member of the Bluebelt Commission and the Land and Water Planning Task Force. He is currently the president of Three Rivers FNPC, a public charity that supports protection of the Ichetucknee River. He is a past or present member of the boards of the Florida Wildlife Federation, Florida Defenders of the Environment, the Everglades Law Center and Alachua Conservation Trust. Mr. Hamann has received significant grant funding for research and development of improved water resource policy and methods of valuation for and overall protection of lakes, springs, wetlands and rivers. He contributes a great deal of personal time to organizations dedicated to environmental preservation and restoration.