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# Post-Ian meetings set

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## **SCCF experts to discuss post-Ian water quality**

The Captiva Island Yacht Club invites the public to attend its annual environmental forum, this year titled "Post Ian: What We Can Do to Protect Our Water Quality," at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at 15903 Captiva Drive.

An expert panel will include SCCF's Jenny Evans, adult education director, Kelly Sloan, coastal wildlife director and sea turtle program coordinator, and Leah Reidenbach, research & policy associate.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Residents, local businesses, and HOA leaders.

**WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED?**

- How Hurricane Ian impacted our local watershed, rivers, and estuaries
- Improvements and implementations regarding sewage systems and wastewater operations
- Sustainable native planting practices to minimize runoff of harmful toxins

An open discussion will follow the panel.

In-person reservations encouraged due to limited seating and parking. RSVP at 239-472-4133 x1 or [reservations@captivaIYC.net](mailto:reservations@captivaIYC.net).

This program will also be offered via Zoom. Join the meeting at [tinyurl.com/CIYC-SCCF](https://tinyurl.com/CIYC-SCCF).

## Preparing for the next storm

On Monday, April 10, the Captiva Community Panel and the Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) co-hosted a Hurricane Ian Debriefing. During the event, we heard about initial conditions and response from our fire and police while concurrently having the opportunity to extend our gratitude.

SCCF Coastal Resilience Manager Carrie Schuman gave a brief overview of the physical conditions Ian introduced to our islands. CEPD's Executive Director Daniel Munt discussed the storm protection benefits of our dunes and beaches and gave an update on their current condition and ongoing restoration plans. Linda Laird, who represents both the Panel and CEPD, presented a timeline of key events for the hurricane response on Captiva, while giving some starting thoughts on what went well and where energy needs to be devoted for the future.

Lastly, we used an interactive tool called Menti to gather community feedback on how our Captivans were impacted by Ian, what was effective about the post-hurricane response, what needs improvement, and lastly what recommendations our community has for the future of Captiva.

If you were not able to attend the event, you can access the video here:

[https://youtu.be/sh9\\_kD1VBFE](https://youtu.be/sh9_kD1VBFE)

We would also like to continue to gather community input. We have created an online version of the event's survey that can be accessed at:

<https://forms.gle/KeJ3jByzDzSi9wcv7>. Please participate by April 30. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

## Resilient Lee upcoming island meetings

- **Friday, April 21**, 10:30 am-noon: Natural Resources Branch Meeting, CCA Center, Captiva. Public is welcome.
- **Monday, May 1**, 6-8 pm: Town Hall, BIG Arts, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

**RESILIENT LEE:** In response to the massive and widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Ian, the Lee Board of County Commissioners voted

unanimously to form the Recovery Task Force based on the FEMA National Disaster Recovery Framework. Find out more at [resilientlee.com](http://resilientlee.com)

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