

The Tavares Blueprint - Building Americas Seaplane City

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Tavares, Florida — designated "America's Seaplane City" — has become the nation's most successful model for integrating seaplane operations into a waterfront community's economic and civic life.

Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director of the City of Tavares, presents the policies, infrastructure investments, community partnerships, and regulatory strategies that transformed a small Central Florida city into a thriving seaplane destination drawing pilots and visitors from across the country.

Event Details

Fri, Jun 5, 2026 at 11:00 PDT

Skylark Shores Resort

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Event Center

Lakeport, CA



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From the development of the city's seaplane base to its ongoing work attracting seaplane businesses and events, Tweedie examines what other communities can learn from Tavares — and how Clear Lake and Lakeport can apply those lessons to build a seaplane-friendly future of their own.

Seminars will take place in the Events Center, Skylark Shores Resort.

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