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Upcoming monthly chamber breakfast to feature ECUA's new recycling facility *Jim Roberts will describe environmental-friendly community, education programs*

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Sept. 27, 2016 – The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) has been a dominant leader in the Pensacola area, providing service to 75,000 customers in Escambia County and 20,000 in Santa Rosa County. The Greater Pensacola Chamber welcomes Public Relations and Information Officer Jim Roberts to discuss ECUA's community programs – composting, recycling and disposal of fats, oils, grease and flushable wipes.

The State of Florida has set a goal of 75 percent recycling compliance by 2020. ECUA's new \$10.6 million Interim Materials Recycling Facility (IMRF), offers a long-term, regional solution, recycling up to 40,000 tons of materials annually. Roberts, who has more than 30 years of public relations experience, will explain how ECUA is taking positive steps to increase Florida's recycling percentage.

The event – graciously sponsored by Gulf Power Company – will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at the Pensacola Bay Center, 201 E. Gregory St. Gopher Club is open to the public, but registration is required. The cost for Chamber partners is \$15 and \$25 for the general public. Walk-ins will be charged an additional \$5 at the door. Register online at PensacolaChamber.com/Events.

What: Gopher Club, featuring ECUA's recycling facility, community programs

When: Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Where: Pensacola Bay Center, 201 E. Gregory St.

Price: \$15 for Chamber partners, \$25 for the general public (additional \$5 for walk-ins)

The Chamber's monthly Gopher Club breakfasts provide updates on important developments for the Chamber and the Greater Pensacola community. For more information, to register or learn about how to become a sponsor for future events, contact Caitlin Okrzesik, the Chamber's Office Support Specialist, at (850) 438-4081 or cokrzesik@pensacolachamber.com.

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About the Greater Pensacola Chamber

Founded in 1889, the Greater Pensacola Chamber is driven to create a climate of growth and success, to ensure economic prosperity and to enhance the quality of life in Greater Pensacola. The Pensacola Chamber Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, oversees Leadership Pensacola and completed Vision 2015, a five-year plan for job creation that brought more than 8,000 jobs to the area within three years. These initiatives take a strategic approach to regional growth and community building with the goal of building a healthier, better-educated workforce; continuing to advance the region's economic positioning; and improving community infrastructure. For additional information, please visit pensacolachamber.com, facebook.com/pensacolachamber, linkedin.com/company/greaterpensacolachamber or follow [@pcolachamber](https://twitter.com/pcolachamber).