



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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SFWMD Prepares System for Possible Rainfall Event

Water managers to brief media regarding heavy rains forecast to fall across region



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WHAT:

With a forecast calling for heavy rainfall to impact the region this week, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) emergency managers will brief the media today about preparations being made in anticipation of the event.

The SFWMD is taking appropriate measures to reduce potential flooding, such as placing coastal structures and canal water levels in the low

range. This prepares the primary flood control system in advance to maximize storage of stormwater runoff.

Flooding is possible with heavy rainfall that occurs during a short period of time, and it may take several days for the excess water to move through secondary canals.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 28, 2010

TIME: 11 a.m.

CALL-IN

NUMBER: **National:** 866-433-6299

Local: 561-682-6700

Meeting Identification: 3515

WHERE: SFWMD Headquarters
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

WHO:

- Tommy Strowd, Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Maintenance
- Doug Bass, Emergency Operations and Security Manager
- Susan Sylvester, Director of the Operations Control and Hydro Data Management Department

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.