



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Re: Central Everglades Planning Project

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board today approved a resolution signing on as the local sponsor of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) and affirming the District's financial capability for the project.

The Central Everglades Planning Project identifies and plans for projects on land already in public ownership to allow more water to be directed south of Lake Okeechobee to the central Everglades, Everglades National Park and Florida Bay while protecting coastal estuaries.

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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.