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SFWMD to Host Water Restriction Compliance Workshop for Local Enforcement Officials

Water conservation remains critical to securing a reliable public water supply

WHAT: With dry conditions continuing, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will host a workshop designed to assist local code and utility enforcement officers, along with law enforcement and other officials, with their roles in promoting and enforcing landscape irrigation water use restrictions.

Workshop topics include an overview of the water shortage order approved by the SFWMD Governing Board in September, along with a review of the current restrictions, violation forms and procedures and reporting requirements. The SFWMD is asking residents and businesses to conserve water and follow landscape irrigation restrictions in order to protect the public supply. More information about limits by area is available on the District's [water restrictions](#) Web site. For water saving tips, visit www.savewaterfl.com.

WHO: SFWMD staff will direct the workshop and will remain on hand, along with attending local government officials, for media interviews and photo opportunities.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 15, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center
Fisheating Bay Conference Room

205 North Parrott Avenue, Suite 201
Okeechobee, Florida

With the end of February 2009, the 2008-2009 South Florida dry season became the third driest on record dating back to 1932. Water levels in the 16-county District are declining and persistent dry conditions are forecast to continue through the remainder of the dry season. Dry conditions and the ongoing water shortage underscore the need for continued conservation to assist in maintaining the water supply. Ensuring residents and businesses follow landscape watering restrictions is critical to the effort. By statute, the enforcement assistance of all local governments is requested whenever the SFWMD declares a water shortage.

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About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)

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.