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SFWMD to Participate in International Coastal Cleanup Day

WHAT: In support of International Coastal Cleanup Day, Big Cypress Basin Field Station, the local arm of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), is partnering with the Golden Gate Task Force to clean up the Green Boulevard Canal.

Water management staff will be helping Task Force volunteers by collecting trash and debris in the water and along the canal's banks. The District will use a barge to transport the debris to a nearby dumpster.

The International Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by Ocean Conservancy, is the world's largest volunteer effort to help protect oceans and waterways. During the 2008 Cleanup, nearly 400,000 volunteers removed 6.8 million pounds of debris from 6,485 sites in 100 countries, 42 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

WHEN: Saturday, September 19, 2009

TIME: 8 a.m. - noon

WHERE: Green Boulevard Canal from Sunshine Boulevard to 18th Avenue Southwest in Golden Gate City

WHO: SFWMD staff from the Big Cypress Basin Field Station and volunteers from the Golden Gate Task Force

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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.