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Media Advisory

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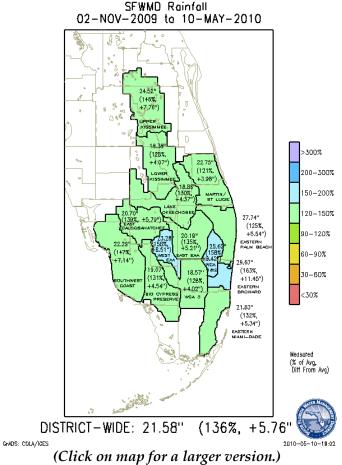
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SFWMD to Hold Rainy Season Preparation Briefing

Water managers prepare for seasonal transition from dry to wet conditions



(Click on map for a larger version.)

WHAT: Following consecutive years of water shortage conditions, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is entering the 2010 rainy season with above-average rainfall and elevated water levels in Lake

Okeechobee.

As part of its continual preparation for Florida's weather extremes, the SFWMD will provide a half-day briefing to Governing Board members

and the public about the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project system and wet season preparation.

Workshop topics include:

- Operating the system: overview, flexibility and challenges
- Managing flood events: field preparations, infrastructure status and secondary systems managed by local communities
- Preparing for emergencies: storm season update and emergency management tools

WHEN: Wednesday, May 12, 2010

TIME: 10 a.m.

WHERE: John F. Armstrong Wing at the Blake Library

2351 S.E. Monterey Road

Stuart, FL 34996

WEBCAST: www.sfwmd.gov

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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.