



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **SFWMD to Hold Briefing on Latest Rainfall Conditions**

*Arrival of summer rainfall offers first chance toward recovery*



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**WHAT:** The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will hold a media briefing to provide updates on the latest drought conditions, including monthly rainfall totals for June.

While recent rainfall across the 16-county region has provided some short-term relief to South Florida's parched landscape, water levels will take time to recover. Months of drought have left Lake Okeechobee more than 3 feet below its historic average for this time of year. Many areas are still

seeing a rainfall deficit of more than a foot.

**WHEN:** Friday, July 1, 2011

**TIME:** 11:15 a.m.

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

**WHO:**

- Susan Sylvester, the District's Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau, will speak about regional water supplies and operational challenges.
- Pete Kwiatkowski, Incident Commander for the District's Water Shortage Team, will speak about the overall water shortage and ongoing efforts to protect regional water resources.

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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.*