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## **SFWMD Joins National Weather Service for Dry Season Outlook** *Recent rains improve water levels but drier-than-normal conditions are forecast*

**WHAT:** The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the National Weather Service (NWS) will hold their annual joint briefing about weather and water conditions for the upcoming dry season. While recent rainfall has significantly raised water levels from Orlando to the Florida Keys, forecasters are calling for another drier-than-normal dry season.

A La Niña pattern of colder-than-normal ocean surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific will be driving dry weather across South Florida in the coming months. Conservation will continue to be critical in protecting water supplies.

- WHEN: Friday, October 21, 2011
- **TIME:** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- WHERE: National Weather Service Forecast Office Miami/South Florida Media/Seminar room 11691 SW 17th Street Miami, Fl. 33165
- WHO: SFWMD Susan Sylvester, Chief of the Water Control
  Operations Bureau
  NWS Robert Molleda, Miami Warning Coordination Meteorologist

## 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.