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Public Invited to Land Assessment Workshop for West Coast Region

District is seeking public feedback on agency lands within the region

WHAT: As part of its comprehensive land assessment, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will hold a public workshop to provide information on the assessment process and receive input on fee-owned lands in the West Coast region. The fourth of five regions that will be evaluated during the assessment process, the West Coast region includes [SFWMD lands](#) in parts of Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties.

The purpose of the land assessment is to ensure that each parcel owned by the District supports the agency's core mission of balancing and improving flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply. The first phase of the assessment is a review of 750,000 acres of fee-owned lands – properties in which the agency has full ownership rights. This phase is scheduled for completion by mid-2013 and will be followed by a comprehensive review of non-fee-owned lands.

The District is committed to making the land assessment transparent and providing multiple opportunities for public involvement. In addition to next week's workshop, stakeholders and the general public can submit comments on specific properties in the West Coast region through May 28 at www.sfwmd.gov/landassessment. The website also features comprehensive information on the land assessment, including detailed land portfolios, fact sheets and frequently asked questions.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22, 2013

TIME: 10 a.m. to noon

WHERE: SFWMD Fort Myers Service Center
2301 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

WHO: The SFWMD Land Assessment Team will meet with the public to discuss the assessment process and receive comments on specific properties in the West Coast region.

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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.