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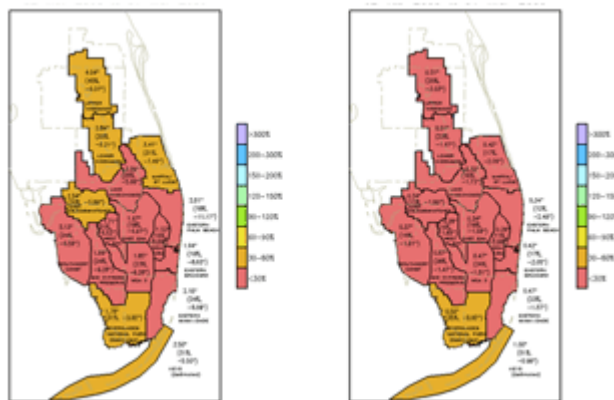
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Rainfall in the Red: SFWMD to Hold Briefing on Dry Conditions *Conservation is a key to stretching the limited water supply*



WHAT: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will hold a briefing to provide details about the 2008-2009 South Florida dry season rainfall deficit, which has reached more than half a foot – with several months to go before the wet season begins.

Water levels across the 16-county District are declining, and if adequate rain does not fall, the stage is set for drought conditions to worsen.

The SFWMD is closely monitoring water levels and is urging residents and business to conserve water and follow landscape irrigation restrictions to stretch the public supply. More information about limits by area is available on the District's [water restrictions](#) Web site.

WHEN: Friday, March 6, 2009

TIME: 1 p.m.

WHERE: South Florida Water Management District
Emergency Operations Center
3301 Gun Club Road, B-1 Building
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

WHO: SFWMD personnel, including Chip Merriam, the Deputy Executive Director for Water Resources, and Susan Sylvester, Director of the Operations Control Department.

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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.