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### **Broward Leaders Water Academy Set to Begin**

*SFWMD initiative to educate on water management issues and assist in planning*

**Plantation, FL** – In an effort to inform local elected officials and community leaders on the challenges of water management, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is partnering with Broward County to hold its second Broward Leaders Water Academy.

Beginning Wednesday, January 19, the four-session initiative emphasizes the need for a cooperative approach between the county, municipalities, local water control districts and the SFWMD.

The academy will provide an overview of the many issues regarding managing water in South Florida and specific challenges affecting Broward County. Throughout the sessions, participants will be introduced to the primary and secondary water management systems and how the complex network of canals, pump stations and water control structures operates. In addition, they will receive information on water resources and discuss alternative water supplies and options that are feasible for Broward County.

Among the other issues that participants will learn about and discuss are:

- Water conservation and the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule
- Everglades restoration
- Water regulations
- Potential impacts to existing wastewater systems
- Water quality in local canals and financial implications for municipalities

Participants will also visit a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment pilot project in Miami-Dade County and take an airboat tour of the Water Conservation Areas to get an up-close view of the Everglades.

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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.*