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MEDIA ADVISORY

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SFWMD Executive Director to Hold Regulatory Public Meeting

Monthly meeting is part of District's new permitting process

WHAT: As part of its commitment to open government, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will hold its second regularly scheduled public meeting this week to support its delegated permitting process.

SFWMD Executive Director Carol Ann Wehle and District regulatory staff will meet with permit applicants and interested stakeholders at the agency's headquarters. A video conference link at three SFWMD service centers will allow residents in other parts of the 16-county region to actively participate in the meeting without traveling to West Palm Beach.

WHEN: Friday, August 21, 2009

TIME: 10 a.m. - noon

WHERE:

MEETING LOCATION	VIDEO CONFERENCE LOCATIONS
SFWMD Headquarters Storch Room 3301 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406	SFWMD Orlando Service Center 1707 Orlando Central Parkway Suite 200 Orlando, FL 32809
	SFWMD Lower West Coast Service Center 2301 McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33901
	SFWMD Martin/St. Lucie Service Center 780 S.E. Indian St. Stuart, FL 34997

BACKGROUND: The public meeting is part of the District's implementation of comprehensive water management legislation known as Senate Bill 2080 (SB2080). Among other things, SB2080 delegates authority for approvals of environmental resource and consumptive use permits to executive directors at Florida's five water management districts.

In addition to the meetings, the District is using its Web site and ePermitting portal to post weekly lists of newly received and completed permit applications and a monthly list of individual permits that have been issued. The SFWMD Governing Board is also maintaining a standing agenda item for the public to provide input on regulatory policy issues.

The public will have additional opportunities during the review process to comment on projects determined to be of heightened concern or where there is the likelihood of a request for an administrative hearing. Examples may include 20-year permits for public utilities, applications within or adjacent to a Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project or permits that have generated significant public interest.

For more information on public meetings and ePermitting, or to access permit information and subscribe to the SFWMD's electronic noticing service, visit www.sfwmd.gov/permitting.

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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.