



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Career pessimists object to the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board's innovative plan to move water south into Florida Bay. The cost-effective, common-sense approach to help the Bay doesn't fit the critics' government-isn't-doing-enough narrative published in a recent Miami Herald article.

The South Florida Water Management District this month announced a plan to double the flow of clean water into the headwaters of Taylor Slough, which connects to Florida Bay. SFWMD's operations will provide some critical relief for the Bay now and long into the future while larger, multi-year and multi-million dollar Everglades restoration projects are built and completed.

Here are the Facts: The Plan to Save the Bay Will:

- Send an average of 6.5 billion gallons more fresh water per year to Florida Bay, in wet and dry seasons alike.
- Deliver clean water that meets stringent water quality standards established for Everglades National Park, where Taylor Slough is located.
- Moderate salinity in portions of the Bay to promote recovery of critical seagrass from the severe 2015 drought.
- Direct deposit clean water into the headwaters of Taylor Slough by connecting two key canals.
- Use canals, weirs and other structures to promote sheetflow through the S-332D and Frog Pond Detention Area into the slough, which connects to Florida Bay.

[Click here](#) to review the extensive SFWMD modeling used to develop the scientific approach to helping save the Bay.

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages the water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. Our mission is to protect South Florida's water resources by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.

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