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SFWMD, Drainage District Partner to Protect Against Flooding *Stormwater system improvement grant to also enhance water quality*

Plantation, FL – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) recently awarded a \$100,000 grant to the South Broward Drainage District to complete construction of a water control structure that will enhance flood protection and improve water quality in the City of Pembroke Pines and the Town of Southwest Ranches.

When completed, the project will improve the South Broward Drainage District's ability to prepare for hurricanes and other major rain events by facilitating pre-storm release to the western part of the C-11 Canal.

The new water control structure, located between Southwest 190th and Southwest 188th avenues, will also prevent phosphorus-laden runoff from reaching the regional SFWMD canal system and Water Conservation Area 3, a 915-square-mile area of the remnant Everglades.

The project will also allow for more efficient, cost-effective biocontrol management of troublesome aquatic vegetation. The design of the new structure will facilitate the use of triploid carp, a sterile fish that feasts on problematic plants that clog vital flood control canals.

The control structure is the last of three components needed for the South Broward Drainage District's Basins S-9 and S-10 Stormwater Improvement Project. The District has invested \$1.1 million in this project. Construction of the structure is planned to be completed by July 2009.

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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.