



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### **SFWMD Plans Treatment of Exotic Plants**

*Treatment to target 200 acres adjacent to Lake Hatchineha*

**West Palm Beach, FL** — The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is planning an aerial treatment on Tuesday of exotic and invasive plants on 200 acres of a restoration site near Lake Hatchineha.

The SFWMD Land Stewardship staff will target water hyacinth, para grass, torpedo grass and primrose willow on the Rolling Meadows restoration site, located in the southwest portion of Lake Hatchineha. If left uncontrolled, these invasive plants can overrun natural areas, diminishing and destroying wildlife habitat.

The area will be treated with the herbicide Aqua Star, which is approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for applications like those planned for Tuesday. The treatment will be postponed if the weather is not suitable.

The SFWMD Vegetation Management Division is responsible for managing nuisance and invasive exotic vegetation throughout the 16-county District. The implementation of a vegetation management program is necessary to ensure the continued use and function of the region's water resources and preservation of South Florida's conservation lands.

For more information on the District's vegetation management efforts, please visit the District's website at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

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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.*