



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### **SFWMD Welcomes New Executive Director**

*Peter Antonacci*

**West Palm Beach, FL** – With decades of public service and private sector experience, Peter Antonacci began work today as the Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).



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“This agency has identified the projects to accomplish the vision of improving Everglades water quality and maintaining South Florida’s flood control infrastructure,” said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Daniel O’Keefe. “Pete has the leadership qualities, broad skill set and extensive experience in state government, finance and law necessary to realize these goals.”

As head of the state’s largest water management agency, Antonacci will lead the District in carrying out its mission to balance and improve flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply across a region that serves 8.1 million people.

The agency’s 16-county area extends from Orlando to the Florida Keys and includes some of Florida’s most treasured natural areas such as the Everglades, Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers and estuaries and Big Cypress National Preserve.

#### **Background**

A seasoned attorney, Antonacci brings more than three decades of experience in Florida state government, finance and law to the District. In his most recent public role, he served as Governor Scott’s General Counsel, from 2013 to 2015. He served as a Governing Board member at the Northwest Florida Water Management District, from 2006 to 2012.

His public service also includes:

- Florida Commission on Ethics member (2002-2006)
- State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit in Palm Beach County (2012)

- Deputy Attorney General of Florida (1990-1997)
- Statewide Prosecutor (1988-1990)

In addition to his public service, he practiced law at the firm of GrayRobinson P.A. in Tallahassee.

Antonacci earned his law degree from Florida State University as well as a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

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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 flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*