



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Pump Station Operations to Help Lower WCA-3 Water Levels

Responding to unusually high regional water levels, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) continues to take unprecedented steps to provide relief for South Florida's residents, businesses and environment.

The District has initiated operation of pump stations at the S-25B and S-26 structures on the Miami Canal near Miami International Airport to assist with relieving high water levels to the west in Water Conservation Area 3 (WCA-3). Each pump station will move water through the canal to the coast at a rate of 270,000 gallons per minute. The pump stations will assist the adjacent gravity-driven water control gates to maximize the discharge to tide.

The pump stations are being operated in conjunction with the C-4 Emergency Detention Basin in southern Miami-Dade County. Since Friday, SFWMD water managers have been moving up to 96 million gallons of water per day into the basin to help relieve high water in the Everglades Water Conservation Areas. This facility, built following Hurricane Irene in 1999 and an unnamed storm in 2000, is a 900-acre impoundment area that is used by the District to provide flood protection for local residents and businesses.

The District is working closely with state and federal agencies to identify more solutions for bringing water levels back to dry season norms throughout South Florida.

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages 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.