



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

OPERATIONS UPDATE

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SFWMD Implementing More Flood Control Measures in South Dade

Maintaining higher water levels in the L-29 Canal to deal with the unprecedented dry season rains has led to seepage and standing water in the 8.5 Square Mile Area east of the Everglades National Park. To mitigate high water, the South Florida Water Management District has implemented several new operational measures.

- The District this past weekend excavated a 175-foot connection between the S-358 seepage canal and the S-357 pump station adjacent to the 8.5 Square Mile Area. This is allowing the District to now lower the water level in that seepage canal, lowering the water table and providing direct relief to properties within the 8.5 Square Mile Area that are experiencing standing water. The connection also eliminates the need for several pumps being used to provide temporary relief.
- The District also plans to install several new culverts designed to allow water in the S-357 detention area to flow south into existing wetlands. This will prevent standing water from impacting other flood control projects under construction.
- The District has also completed a 100-foot berm between the S-358 seepage canal along Richmond Drive that will block water flowing east into the 8.5 Square Mile Area, further controlling high water in the area.
- These efforts are part of the District's mission to control flooding while delivering clean water to Everglades National Park to restore the natural system. From January through March of this year, the District delivered approximately 290 billion gallons of clean water to the park, about 10 times the average amount of water during the same time period over the previous five years.

[Link to photos from the canal connection work completed this past weekend](#)

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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.