# SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## July 2009

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



#### Eric Buermann Governing Board Chairman

Welcome to *The Ripple Effect*, the South Florida Water Management District's monthly electronic newsletter that covers the latest water news — straight from the source.

#### July's District Governing Board

Six decades ago, on a humid July day, the fivemember Governing Board of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District — the South Florida Water Management District's predecessor — held its first official meeting in downtown West Palm Beach... more



# SFWMD Increases Transparency and Enhances Public Process for Regulatory Permitting Programs

At its July 8 meeting, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board strengthened its commitment to transparency and open government by increasing public access to its permitting process... more

# One Year Later: Xtreme Yard Makeover's Water Conservation Lessons Celebrated

One year after giving a Naples "yard in need" an Xtreme Yard Makeover, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) celebrated its success on June 20, highlighting the water conservation lessons that were learned... more

# In the News

- Senate Bill 2080, Benefiting the Environment and the People of Florida
- Protecting Florida's Investment in Everglades Restoration
- SFWMD Staff Raises \$25,000 for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- Restoration Action! Watch SFWMD Environmental Scientists Conduct an Everglades Cattail
  Study [video]
- Bird-Watching Tours Continue at Renowned Everglades Treatment Wetland
- Celebrating 60 Years of Water Management: 1980-Today, Restoring the South Florida Ecosystem

# Water Drops

- Up-to-the-Minute Weather Conditions... more
- Current Water Restrictions for Your Neighborhood... more
- What You Can Do to Save Water... more
- Reviving the River of Grass: About the U.S. Sugar Corporation Land Acquisition... more

# **This Month in Photos**

View restoration and water management images from around the District... more

# Calendar

August 4

Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) Issues Workshop River of Grass Project Planning Phase I 10 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

### August 6

Rule Development Workshop to Reserve Water for the North Fork of the St. Lucie River 1 p.m., SFWMD Martin-St. Lucie Service Center, Stuart

August 12 Governing Board Workshop 10 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

August 13 Governing Board Meeting 9 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

#### August 18

Special Everglades Technical Oversight Committee Meeting 10 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

#### August 21

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters 10 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

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