



# South Miami-Dade Issues Coordination Objective

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# Background

- SFWMD is investing millions in South Miami-Dade County
  - Ecosystem restoration
    - Everglades
    - Florida and Biscayne Bays
  - Operational infrastructure improvements
    - Flood control
    - Water resource enhancement
  - Alternative water supply funding

## Background (cont.)

- Regulatory framework to protect water supply for consumptive use and the natural system
  - Setting sustainable limits on sources of surface and groundwater
    - Restricted allocation rules
    - Minimum Flows and Levels
  - Protecting existing and 'new' supplies of water for protection and enhancement of natural systems
  - Aligning available alternative sources with existing and future uses

## Background (cont.)

- Successful implementation of these objectives positively affects the community
  - Jobs
  - Sustainable industry
    - Tourism
    - Agriculture
    - Business enterprise
  - Quality of life



# Is the District working effectively?

- Concern over the wide array of projects
  - Are we sure our projects are not conflicting with each other or with local interests?
  - Are we fully engaging local stakeholders and local governments effectively in our project planning?
  - Is our science being applied in a focused manner to help prevent unintended consequences?
  - Are we missing key opportunities to partner on local projects?

# Regional coordination, a new approach

- District executive office establishes the South Miami-Dade Issues Coordination Objective
  - Established by Agency Charter
  - Inter-departmental oversight over District's south M-D projects
  - Coordinator identifies issues, potential conflicts resource needs, and develops solution options for senior management action
  - Reports directly to senior management oversight team and to the Executive Director

# Purpose of today's meeting

- Provide stakeholders with overview of ongoing District projects in south Miami-Dade county
- Hear issues, concerns, suggestions from stakeholders on what the District is doing well and what we are not doing well
- Learn what level of involvement you want associated with specific projects
- Identify ways of effectively making decisions that meet the needs of the community and are based on sound science and public policy



**Questions?**