



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

STATEMENT

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Re: Submission of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Amended Determination to the Federal Court

"We are pleased that the EPA's amended determination recognizes that the District's initial purchase of U.S. Sugar lands will aid in complying with federal water quality requirements.

"We are also encouraged by the determination's apparent flexibility, which acknowledges the use of water storage facilities as a potential alternative to the expansion of treatment wetlands.

"We welcome the opportunity in the coming days to thoroughly review the details of the EPA's filing."

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