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Elected Leaders From Across Broward County Gather to Tackle Water Issues

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For the first time in Broward County's history, the County Commission, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board and Mayors of Broward County's 31 cities will come together on Monday, May 12, 2008, to discuss water supply issues and challenges.

The joint workshop will take place at the Broward County Convention Center from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in rooms 124 and 125. Public comment is welcomed and encouraged.

"Our water needs are growing while the availability of our traditional source of water is diminishing. No longer can we assume that plentiful, inexpensive water will be made available without joint collaborative efforts, partnerships and on-going discussions," said Broward County Mayor Lois Wexler.

The workshop will include a roundtable discussion to identify water supply challenges, solutions and steps that will be taken in the future to address water concerns.

"All of Broward's policy makers are invited to come to the table and be part of the solution," said Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs. "Water management is a complex issue. The County Commission operates as only one of 28 utilities providing water to Broward residents. We must begin to collaborate on our approach to conservation and also address the high cost of dealing with the Florida Legislature's mandate to reduce the discharge of waste water effluent into the Atlantic Ocean by the year 2025." Commissioner Jacobs is a member of the South Florida Water Management District's Water Resource Advisory Commission as well as a member of the National Association of Counties' Energy, Environment, and Land Use Committee.

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency responsible for water quality, flood control, water supply and environmental restoration in 16 counties, from Orlando to the Florida Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.

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