

# The South Florida Water Management District LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS

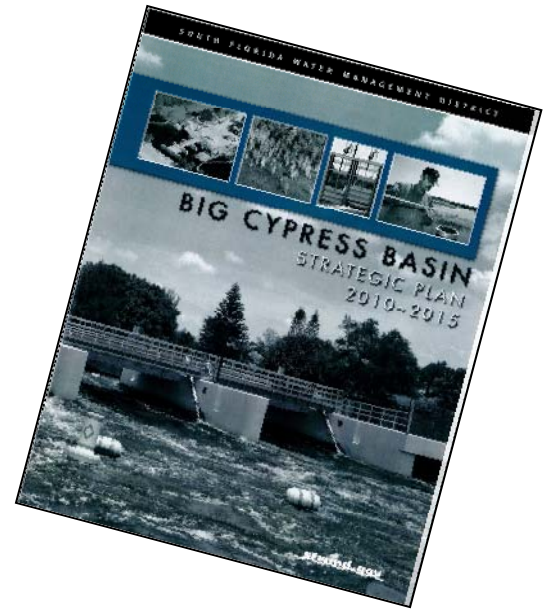


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## In Your Region

### Strategic Plan Guides the Basin's Work Plan and Budget

The Big Cypress Basin Board has adopted a Strategic Plan that outlines our direction for the next 5 years. This plan identifies the Basin's priorities and includes resource area specific descriptions, goals and success indicators, as well as major deliverables and milestones for the upcoming five years. The Strategic Plan guides the development of the Annual Work Plan and budget for the current fiscal year and provides an outlook for the years following. The **2010-2015 Strategic Plan** is available in our office located at 2660 N. Horseshoe Drive or online at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).



### Golden Gate Main Canal Weir #3 Completed

Big Cypress Basin board members and local officials recently celebrated the completion of the Golden Gate Weir #3 project.



The \$3.59 million project, completed by Thomas Marine Construction, replaced and relocated Golden Gate Weir #3 south of 31st Avenue SW, approximately 1 mile east of Collier Boulevard. The new weir will improve flood protection and create additional storage capacity in the canal to help recharge ground water supplies during the dry season.

The Golden Gate Main Canal is approximately 27 miles long and drains into the Gordon River and Naples Bay. This project will also help divert a portion of Golden Gate Main Canal flows into Henderson Creek through a diversion canal to be built in 2013, improving the control of freshwater discharges into Naples Bay.



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Big Cypress Basin Board  
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### Spotlight on Big Cypress Basin Board Members



Pam Mac'Kie was appointed to the Big Cypress Basin board by Governor Crist in June 2009. Ms. Mac'Kie is a real estate and transactional attorney with more than 20 years of experience practicing in southwest Florida. In addition to her legal experience, Ms. Mac'Kie served as a Collier County Commissioner for seven years and as a Deputy Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District for five years.



*BCB Board members left to right: Charles Dauray, Chairman; John Sorey, Vice Chairman; Noah Standridge; John Vaughn; and Fred Thomas*

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### Waiting for Your Invitation

Big Cypress Basin Service Center staff are available to meet with groups about water resource topics in our area.

Technical experts, scientists and other specialists can tailor a presentation to meet specific needs or answer questions regarding many water-related topics.

This service is free and available by contacting Lisa Koehler at (239) 263-7615, x7603, or by email at [lkoehler@sfwmd.gov](mailto:lkoehler@sfwmd.gov)

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### Out and About

- **SFWMD Governing Board Workshop and Meeting**  
November 9 and 10  
Charlotte County
- **SFWMD Governing Board Workshop and Meeting**  
December 8 and 9  
West Palm Beach
- **Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting**  
December 10  
6089 Janes Lane, Naples