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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 23, 2008  
**To:** Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Bertha Henry  
Interim County Administrator  
**RE:** **Broward Leaders Water Academy**

PLEASE  
MAKE SURE  
THIS IS  
PUT ON AGENDA

As you are aware, water availability, the need for greater water conservation, and alternative water supplies are some of the complex issues that confront Broward County. To provide outreach and education to our elected officials and business leaders on regional and local water issues, staff is partnering with the South Florida Water Management District to offer a **Broward Leaders Water Academy**. This is an initiative that predates the Broward Water Resources Task Force, and has a broader focus.

The Academy will provide a series of workshops to include educational sessions, site visits, and a prelude to water policy during the FY '09 legislative session. Workshops will begin with a kick-off event in October 2008 and continue through February 2009.

The Mayor and SFWMD Governing Board Member, Shannon Estenoz, will be sending a joint letter of invitation to municipal mayors and business leaders requesting them to designate a representative from their respective entities to participate in the Academy.

This effort along with the Broward Water Resources Task Force will provide the leadership and coordination on water and water supply issues for future planning purposes. If you have any specific questions or would like additional information, please contact Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Director, Natural Resources Planning and Management Division (954-519-1464).

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cc: Pamela Madison, Assistant County Administrator  
Cynthia Chambers, Director, Environmental Protection and Growth Management  
Pamela Landi, Governmental Affairs Manager



**BROWARD LEADERS WATER ACADEMY**



**Day 1: October 3, 2008 – 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

**Broward County Government Center West  
1 North University Drive, Plantation, FL 33324**

**Kickoff**

Session will include an overview of the regional and urban water management systems, water supply options, and growth. This session will include staff presentations, questions and answers, and discussion to address issues such as:

- How is our water managed: Locally? Regionally?
- What are alternative water supplies? How much will they cost? Other considerations?
- How do we plan for future growth, climate change, and dynamic water policy?

**Day 2: November 14, 2008 (half-day)**

**Site Visit**

Leave from Broward County Government Center West and travel to the *Wakodahatchee Wetland* (Green Cay) in South Palm Beach County and the City of Pompano Beach *Reuse Wastewater Treatment Facility* in Pompano Beach. These site visits will provide participants an opportunity to view a reclaimed water facility and to see different uses of reclaimed water, like wetland restoration, landscape irrigation, and aquifer recharge.

**Day 3: December 5, 2008 (half-day)**

**Site Visit**

Participants will leave from Broward County Government Center West to visit the Everglades Water Conservation Areas. An air boat tour will allow participants to learn more about the Everglades ecosystem and Everglades Restoration. Participants will visit regional and local water control structures critical to drainage and flood control operations. A brief presentation on stormwater management protocols and challenges will be provided after a brown bag lunch.

**Day 4: February 13, 2009 – 1:30P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**Conference - Participants are invited to attend or take part by conference call**

What we might expect from the next Florida Legislative Session. Likely topics of discussion:

- Implications of proposed bills on future water supplies and growth
- Funding for alternative water supply and stormwater management projects
- Issues being discussed by other public interest groups

***Please complete and fax to (954)519-1496 Attention: Toni Edwards  
no later than August 30, 2008***

**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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We look forward to having you join us! Block these dates/times on your calendars to ensure your attendance at all sessions.