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Subject: Council 1/20 backup visioning meeting for River of Grass project

For Council Agenda item regarding Everglades Coalition:

This is notice for an important South Florida Water Management District Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting at which the Committee is scheduled to start setting the footprint, "vision" and preliminary design for the future flow-way south utilizing U.S. Sugar acquisition lands:

River of Grass Project Planning

The South Florida Water Management District invites you to participate in the first phase of planning toward a River of Grass restoration project.

What:
Water Resources Advisory Commission Issues Workshop
River of Grass Project Planning Phase 1

When:
Thursday, January 22, 2009
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where:
John Boy Auditorium
1200 South W.C. Owen Ave.
Clewiston, FL 33440

County: Hendry

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On December 16, 2008, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board voted to accept a contract with the United States Sugar Corporation to acquire more than 180,000 acres of agricultural land for Everglades restoration. This historic transaction provides water managers with the unprecedented opportunity to store and treat water on a scale never before envisioned for the benefit of America's Everglades.

This workshop kicks off the process to determine viable configurations for constructing a managed system of water storage and treatment to

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support ecosystem restoration. Information gathered will provide the basis for more detailed future planning phases.

To learn more, please visit www.sfwmd.gov/riverofgrass
