

ATTENTION SOUTHWEST RESIDENTS

[For residents living in the South Broward Drainage Area](#)

Southwest Ranches and adjacent areas have experienced unusually high amounts of rainfall (5-6 inches over the last three days and 8-10 inches over the last seven days). As a result residents have been experiencing flooding issues. Staff representatives from the South Florida Water Management District, South Broward Drainage District and the Town of Southwest Ranches met this afternoon (Thursday, July 2). Agreement was reached to take the following interim steps to mitigate some of these problems.

INTERIM STEPS APPROVED BY SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO LOWER SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT CANALS:

On July 2, 2009, South Florida Water Management District authorized South Broward Drainage District to discharge water to other areas within South Broward Drainage District to obtain additional relief.

On June 10, 2009, South Broward Drainage District was authorized to open the gates at Structures 13 and 13A to full capacity even though canal levels were not up to the level at which the permit would allow the gates to be open.

On June 10, South Florida Water Management District authorized South Broward Drainage District to measure the trigger elevations for the existing structures at SW 54 Place and SW 57 Court.

LONGER-TERM STEPS - South Broward Drainage District Project Schedule:

The new gates at Canal 12 are expected to be operational by July 13.

The retrofitted gates at Structures 13 and 13A are expected to be operational by July 27.