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Plan Presented for Clean Up of Downed Trees

Margate, FL March 15, 2006 – On March 14, 2006 the City Of Margate held a public meeting with the Sunshine Water Control District. The meeting was held to follow up on the issue concerning trees emanating from the property of the Sunshine Water Control District that were downed by Hurricane Wilma and have not yet been removed.

After numerous requests, through dispute resolution and the filing of a local bill, the Sunshine Water Control District finally presented a plan to clear the east outfall canal adjacent to the City of Margate. The debris clean up of the Sunshine Water Control District's east outfall canal will include trees and limbs protruding onto private property in the City of Margate. The City administration has agreed to cooperate to gain approval where removal of debris in Margate could cause damage. Sunshine Water Control District Manager John Petty stated, "It is our intent to remove all the trees that have been damaged by the storm and those that pose a threat to private property."

The City Commission passed a motion that they will look favorably upon the proposal of the Sunshine Water Control District and reconvene in a second public meeting no later than May 1, 2006 to further review the work of the contractor for the water control district. The motion included a statement that if Sunshine does not follow through with the plan to clean up the trees, the City will proceed to mediation and then follow through in court.

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