



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **SFWMD to Hold Seminars on WaterSIP**

*Program provides grants for projects that save millions of gallons of water each year*

**WHAT:** The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will host a series of seminars to provide information on funding assistance for water conservation projects through the Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP). The seminars will include a general overview of the water conservation program and a review of critical dates for the application process.

Created in 2002, WaterSIP provides matching grants up to \$50,000 to water providers and large users for installing water-saving technology. Qualifying WaterSIP projects include high-efficiency irrigation equipment, low-flow indoor plumbing retrofits and soil moisture and rain sensors.

For Fiscal Year 2010, the SFWMD Governing Board approved nearly \$460,000 in WaterSIP funding for 13 water conservation projects throughout South Florida. The projects will save an estimated 238 million gallons of water per year.

For more information about the Water Savings Incentive Program, please visit [www.sfwmd.gov/watersip](http://www.sfwmd.gov/watersip).

## WHEN AND WHERE:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION/CONTACT
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Estero Recreation Center Lee County Parks & Recreation 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. Estero, FL 33928  <b>Contacts for more information:</b> Sally McPherson: (239) 338-2929, ext. 7783 Lisa Koehler: (239) 263-7615
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	SFWMD Fort Lauderdale Field Station 2535 Davie Road Davie, FL 33317  <b>Contact for more information:</b> Jose Lopez: (954) 713-3200, ext. 4980
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	SFWMD Martin/St. Lucie Service Center 780 S.E. Indian St. Stuart, FL 34997  <b>Contact for more information:</b> Gardenia Long: (772) 223-2600
Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010	11 a.m. - noon	SFWMD Orlando Service Center 1707 Orlando Central Parkway Suite 200 Orlando, FL 32809  <b>Contact for more information:</b> Bridgett Tolley: (407) 858-6100, ext. 3806

**WHO:** Local governments, utilities, homeowner and condominium associations and other large industrial, commercial and institutional water users are encouraged to attend.

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### **About the South Florida Water Management District**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*