



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### **SFWMD to Begin Accepting Funding Applications for WaterSIP** *Water Savings Incentive Program saving millions of gallons of water each day*

**West Palm Beach, FL** – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will begin accepting applications on Monday, June 21, to fund water conservation projects through the Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP) in Fiscal Year 2011. Applications are due to the District by 2:30 p.m. on July 22.

WaterSIP provides matching funds up to \$50,000 to public or private water providers, large users or homeowners/condominium associations 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 the District's 16-county region. These approved projects will save an estimated 238 million gallons of water per year.

Since it was created in 2002, WaterSIP has provided a total of \$3.8 million to help fund 129 projects with an estimated water savings of 6.4 million gallons a day.

For more information about the Water Savings Incentive Program or to download an application, please visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).

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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.*