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SFWMD to Begin Accepting Funding Applications for WaterSIP Water Savings Incentive Program is 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, August 8, to fund water conservation projects through the Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP) in Fiscal Year 2012. Applications are due to the District by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

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. Previous WaterSIP projects implemented with SFWMD assistance have included high-efficiency irrigation equipment, low-flow indoor plumbing retrofits and soil moisture and rain sensors.

Created in 2002, WaterSIP has provided a total of \$4.1 million to help fund 142 projects with an estimated water savings of 7 million gallons a day.

The District's website provides more information and application materials for the <u>Water Savings Incentive Program</u>.

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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.