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SFWMD Awards Funding for Nine Water Conservation Projects *WaterSIP grants help save billions of gallons of water each year*

West Palm Beach, FL — Recognizing the ongoing importance of promoting and supporting water conservation in protecting regional supplies, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board approved investments in nine projects for Fiscal Year 2012 through the agency's Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP).

"We are committed to work with our partners to invest in cost-effective programs that help to protect water resources," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins. "WaterSIP saves billions of gallons of water each year with innovative projects that also build an ethic of water conservation."

The District will contribute a combined total of \$250,000 in funding assistance to the following recipients:

Entity	Project	Estimated Water Savings (Million Gallons Per Year)
Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division on behalf of Broward Water Partnership	High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program	7.85
City of Cape Coral	Automatic Hydrant Flushing and Best Engineering Practice	3.50
Port LaBelle Utility System	Fixed Network AMR and DMA System for Leak Detection	2.00
City of West Palm Beach	Community Water Conservation Strategies - Phase II	4.67

Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority	High Efficiency Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program	2.30
Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department	Residential High Efficiency Toilet (HET) Rebate Project 2011-2012	12.70
City of LaBelle	Mobile Meter Reading II	1.57
City of St. Cloud	Toilet Rebate Program	2.28
City of Coral Springs	Automatic Flushers for Distribution System	7.00

Created in 2002, WaterSIP provides matching funds up to 50 percent or a maximum of \$50,000, whichever is less, to public and private water providers or to large users for implementing water-saving technologies.

From 2002 through 2011, the District's WaterSIP program has invested \$4.1 million in 142 projects throughout the agency's 16-county region. These projects now save an estimated 7 million gallons of water per day.

For more information about WaterSIP, please visit the District's [Water Conservation website](#). For details on the District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program and water conservation tips, please visit 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.