



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

STATEMENT

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Re: SFWMD Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Statement by Joe Collins, SFWMD Governing Board Chairman:

“The South Florida Water Management District submitted a fiscally sound budget to reflect direction from the Governor and the Florida Legislature to focus on core responsibilities, improve efficiency and reduce the tax burden on Florida property owners. We appreciate the Governor’s letter today recognizing these efforts.

“Prudent fiscal planning and less bureaucracy are allowing the District to lower taxes and move forward with our priorities of water supply, flood control and Everglades restoration. We will continue to work effectively on behalf of South Floridians to ensure that we are spending citizen tax dollars wisely while carrying out our core responsibilities.”

Related information:

- [SFWMD Standard Format Tentative FY2012 Budget Submission](#)
- [Letter from Gov. Rick Scott to SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins](#)
(Aug. 24, 2011)
- [Florida Department of Environmental Protection website on the five water management districts’ proposed FY2012 budgets](#)

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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.