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SFWMD Invests in Projects to Promote Efficient Water Use
Funding partnerships for water conservation and alternative water supply provide benefits by diversifying South Florida's water supply



West Palm Beach, FL – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has approved 14 funding partnerships for alternative water supply and water conservation projects in the coming year. The District will invest close to \$600,000 for these efforts through its Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Program and Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP).

“Partnerships that support conservation efforts and alternative supplies are important to meeting South Florida’s future water needs,” said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Daniel O’Keefe. “Because droughts are inevitable, we are continuously seeking opportunities to develop sustainable water sources.”

WaterSIP

Created 10 years ago, WaterSIP provides matching funds to public and private water providers or to large users to implement water-saving technologies.

The District will provide funding assistance through WaterSIP to the following:

Recipient	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	15.73
Toho Water Authority	High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program	2.50
Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department	High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program	10.59
Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority	High Efficiency Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program	3.00
Broward County Water & Wastewater Services	High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program	5.35
City of West Palm Beach	High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program	5.70
City of Coral Springs	Automatic Line Flushing Devices	5.50
Palm Beach County Utilities	Automatic Line Flushing Devices	6.24
City of Delray Beach	Automatic Line Flushing Devices	4.59
Ramblewood East Condominium Association	High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program	1.47
PGA Village Property Owner's Association, Inc.	Reserve Blvd Irrigation Upgrade Project	24.05

In the first decade of the program, the District invested approximately \$4.6 million in 161 projects throughout the agency's 16-county region. These projects together have saved an estimated 2.67 billion gallons of water per year, or 7.3 million gallons of water per day.

Alternative Water Supply

From 1997 to 2013, the AWS Funding Program, in cooperation with the State of Florida, has invested more than \$190 million in 482 alternative water supply projects. To date, these projects have created 436 million gallons a day of water supply capacity, reducing reliance on freshwater sources.

The District is investing in the following alternative water supply projects:

Recipient	Project
City of St. Cloud	Hickory Tree 24-inch Reclaimed Water Main Extension
City of Delray Beach	Reclaimed Water System Area 12A Phase II
City of LaBelle	1.5 MGD Reverse Osmosis Membrane Plant, Phase 2

Alternative water sources diversify South Florida's water supply while reducing the region's dependence on traditional freshwater resources and improving a community's ability to withstand drought impacts. Examples of alternative water supplies include:

- Salt water and brackish water
- Reclaimed water
- Surface water captured during wet weather
- Sources made available through new storage
- Stormwater (for consumptive use)

Development of alternative water supplies is an important component of the District's regional water supply plans. Updated every five years, the plans create a framework for future water use decisions and establish strategies to meet future water demands.

More information on alternative water supplies in South Florida is available at www.sfwmd.gov/AWS. For more information on WaterSIP, please visit the District's [Water Conservation website](#).

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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.