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SFWMD Promotes Transparency with Lobbyist Registration Process
Public will be able to access list of registered lobbyists in online database

West Palm Beach, FL – In keeping with its commitment to open government, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will require any person who intends to lobby the agency to register with the District Clerk's Office, beginning July 1.

Lobbyists must submit a registration form and principal's authorization before talking with an SFWMD official or employee on behalf of the firms, corporations or groups they are paid to represent. Registration will be renewable at the beginning of each calendar year. The District is not charging a fee to register.

To further increase transparency, a database of registered lobbyists will be easily accessible on the District's website at www.sfwmd.gov/opengov. Members of the public can click on lobbyists' names in the database to see the principals they represent.

Passed during the 2014 state legislative session and recently signed into law by Governor Rick Scott, Senate Bill 846 requires Florida's five water management districts to develop a lobbyist registration process. A separate registration form must be submitted to each water management district that a person will be lobbying.

For more information, see:

- [Lobbyist Registration – Instructions, Documents and Reference Information](#)
- [Registered Lobbyist Database](#)
- [FAQs: Lobbyist Registration Process \[PDF\]](#)

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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.