

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members

**FROM:** Terrie Bates, Director, Water Resources Division

**DATE:** September 13, 2012

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize entering into one-year agreements with Water Savings Incentive Program applicants in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for which ad valorem funds are budgeted subject to Governing Board approval of the FY13 budget; delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute project funding agreements for the projects; providing an effective date.

**Background:** This initiative is a continuation of the District's long-standing Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP). A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize entering into one year agreements with WaterSIP recipients for FY13 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 of which District FY13 ad valorem funds are budgeted, subject to Governing Board approval of the FY13 budget; delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute project funding agreements for the projects; providing an effective date. All agreements shall commence on October 1, 2012 and shall terminate on September 30, 2013.

This program has allocated \$4.4M since FY03 toward 151 projects producing an estimated water savings of 2.6 billion gallons of water per year. Sixteen proposals for funding assistance were received.

**How this helps meet the District's 10-year Strategic Plan:** This supports the Water Supply strategy to provide funding and other incentives to encourage water conservation. Implementation of the recommended projects will produce 53.06 million gallons per year in water savings and thereby expand the current water supply in the District's planning areas.

**Funding Source:** Through FY13 budgeted ad valorem taxes, subject to Governing Board approval of the FY13 budget.

**This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:** This item impacts the Water Supply Bureau, Office of Intergovernmental Programs and Procurement. The funds are available for projects District-wide. The recommended projects are located in four of the District's 16 counties.

**What concerns could this Board item raise?**

Four proposals were deemed ineligible pursuant to program eligibility requirements. In addition, all eligible projects may not be recommended for funding because they were deemed to be deficient under the proposal criteria, or the proposed FY13 budget may not be sufficient to allocate funding to all recommended projects.

**Why should the Governing Board approve this item?**

These projects will assist local communities in meeting their future demands through water conservation/demand reduction. The WaterSIP program is a key component of the District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program approved by the Governing Board in 2008.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at ext. 6952.

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