

February Team of the Month
Alternative Water Supply Program Implementation

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Team of the Month excludes management employees, but we wish to acknowledge Mark Elsner, Scott Burns, Tom Genovese, Benita Whalen, Jose Lopez, Jose Fuentes, Fred Rapach, Jr., Clarence Tears, and Karen Smith for their contributions.

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A strategy of the Water Supply Program in the agency's 10 Year Strategic Plan is to provide funding and regulatory incentives to encourage water users to promote efficient use of water resources through conservation and reuse, and to increase diversity of water supplies by developing alternative sources.

During the 2005 State Legislative Session, a bill creating the Water Protection and Sustainability Program was enacted, providing significant state funding for Alternative Water Supply Projects that are identified in the Water Management Districts' Regional Water Supply Plans.

In order to implement this program immediately as directed by the legislation, an interim process was developed to allow entities with projects that may be eligible for this funding to submit information for possible future funding. Numerous public workshops were conducted, staff coordinated 2,000 mail-outs, WRAC meetings were held, and outreach efforts by our service centers to communicate and encourage participation produced 119 proposals that were evaluated in less than one week. Procedures were developed to track the grant funds and the required 100% match from District funds, and processes were developed to streamline the development and execution of contracts for 80 projects.