

## March 2007 Team of the Month

### The Budget Business Cycle Process

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Of all the things we do at the District, implementation of our District business cycle involves the most staff people and is the largest team effort. Despite the fact that there are probably at least a hundred employees involved at various points in our business process, there is a much smaller group that is involved from beginning to end, and are largely responsible for pushing the process to a successful conclusion.

The Budget staff and the Resource Area Finance Managers are that smaller group. They collectively are responsible for ensuring that all internal and external deadlines are met, ensuring the quality of the plans and budget information, and ensuring that Governing Board priority funding goals are, in fact, achieved. In addition, the Budget staff is responsible for ensuring statutory compliance with Chapter 373 and Chapter 200 Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) requirements.

On October 30, 2006, the Budget staff completed the final step for the fiscal year 2007 process by receiving our TRIM compliance certification from the State Department of Revenue. This brought to conclusion a very successful planning and budgeting process. The District received congratulations and recognition from former Governor Bush for our long-term and annual planning, budgeting, and reporting efforts as part of adopting a historic water management district budget of over \$1.365 Billion.

This team is probably the hardest-working, most team-oriented group of people in the District and represent what a good team of employees can accomplish.