

December 2011 Employee of the Month
Robert Wanvestraut, Water Conservation Analyst
Water Supply Bureau

Robert authored the District's Water Efficiency Improvement Self-Assessment Guide for Commercial and Institutional Facility Managers.

This online manual is a water conservation guidance document for facility water-audits with step-by-step assessment instructions on how to evaluate each point of water use.

The guide evaluates results and suggests future actions for water use, indoors and out.

This manual is being considered for AWWA's Florida Section's Water Use Efficiency Division Water Conservation Awards for Excellence, an annual recognition program recognizing outstanding achievements in water efficiency in Florida.

We applaud Robert's vision, technical expertise and efficient follow-through to produce this one-of-a-kind, worthwhile document.

December 2011 Team of the Month

The G-139 Pump Station Team

Team Members:

- Jim Bridgeman
- Jude Muse
- Butch Dias
- Brian Rhoades
- Jeff Smith
- Bob Urban
- Jack Ismalon
- Steve Smith
- Bob Schaffer
- Chuck Wilhelm
- Kenny Knaack
- Randy Jarvis
- Elvis Ruiz
- Linda Greer
- Julie Maytok
- Carlos Adorisio
- Abe Cooper
- Vincent Loehrlein

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The G-139 Pump Station Team

This team of 17 completed the renovation and restoration of the G-139 Pump Station, located in Hendry County.

Representing Operations, Maintenance and Construction, Procurement, Office of Counsel and Everglades Restoration, they formed a unified group that coordinated not only within their own District Bureaus, but also with private corporations and numerous pump and motor contractors.

They developed a comprehensive restoration and repair plan, managed access and construction coordination during citrus harvesting to avoid business interruptions and completed the project in a timely and professional manner.

This G-139 Pump Station Team of the Month defines teamwork at the District.

30 Year Service Recognition

Joe Granie II, Chief Operator, Ft. Lauderdale Field Station

Joe began his employment with the District in November 1981 as a Diesel Trades Helper and spent most of the last 30 years working in pump station operations and diesel machinery maintenance.

Most recently, Joe was promoted to Chief Operator at Pump Station S-7, which is the second largest pump station within Ft. Lauderdale Field Station's area of responsibility.

In his spare time, Joe enjoys spending time with his family -- particularly his two grandsons -- and his woodworking and painting hobbies. A beautiful manatee painting created by Joe hangs in the lobby of the Ft. Lauderdale Field Station.

We truly appreciate Joe's 30 years of dedicated service!