

## New Cooperative Funding Program at South Florida Water Management District



The South Florida Water Management District is continually looking for cost-effective strategies to protect the region's water resources. Partnering with local governments and other water users is an important and effective way to accomplish this. With this letter, I am pleased to share a new funding program for your consideration.

In September, the BFWMD Governing Board approved a **Cooperative Funding Program** as a way to support local stormwater management, alternative water supply and water conservation projects. The program combines our existing cost-share efforts into a single, streamlined application process that will help the Governing Board plan well in advance for needed funding and help you get your planned initiatives in place sooner.

With the District's preliminary FY2016 budget now in development, we are looking to identify cost-share needs throughout our 16 counties. To achieve this, the application process for FY2016 funding will start **Thursday, October 16, 2014**. Our goal is to identify projects that are shovel-ready construction projects or ready-to-implement conservation technology programs that can provide the most immediate benefits. Essential project studies will also be considered. Please note that in-depth project details are not needed for the initial application, which closes November 21.

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To find out more, I encourage you to attend one of these upcoming workshops:

- Monday, Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. - South Florida Water Management District Headquarters, [West Palm Beach](#) (meeting will also be video recorded for later viewing)
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. - BFWMD Lower West Coast Service Center, [Fort Myers](#)
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. - South Florida Regional Planning Council, [Hollywood](#)
- Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. - Osceola Heritage Park, [Kissimmee](#)

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You can also get more information at our BFWMD Cooperative Funding Program [website](#) and [fact sheet](#) or by contacting your local [BFWMD Intergovernmental Representative](#). These representatives will assist with the workshops and application process and will coordinate technical support from District staff to help you participate in this program.

The South Florida Water Management District looks forward to partnering with you on projects that offer solutions to our shared restoration, flood control, water quality and water supply challenges.

Thank you,

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