



## Press Release

### **Sunshine Water Control District Named District of the Year**

At its annual conference in June, 2012, the Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) named Sunshine Water Control District (SWCD) as the 2012 District of the Year. This award is presented to a District that works in a team effort to achieve and surpass all priority goals, while staying within budgetary guidelines and meeting and/or exceeding expectations.

The Sunshine Water Control District is responsible for operating and maintaining a stormwater management system in the central core of the City of Coral Springs, Florida. This area covers over 9 square miles of the city with 500 acres of water surface contained in 22 miles of canals drained by 131 culverts and 2 pump stations. The primary mission of the District is to provide flood control in its assigned area.

Over the course of the last few years, the District's Board of Supervisors initiated a series of Capital Improvement Projects, which will greatly improve the flow of water and the quality of flood protection afforded to the District's 16,500+ residential and commercial property owners.

Going forward, the District's collective team of Board Members and outstanding professional staff will continue to oversee the completion of these projects and undertake additional improvements, as necessary, with the ultimate intent of assuring property owners the very best flood protection possible in the event of a 100-year rain event or a water significant hurricane.

The Florida Association of Special Districts is the collective voice of special-purpose government and their mission is to unify and strengthen special-purpose government through education, the exchange of ideas and active involvement in the legislative process. Special districts provide limited purpose government on a local level, all providing unique service with a need to be accountable and accessible to the citizens they serve. There are over 1,600 independent and dependent special districts in the state, governed by more than 30 statutes and involving over 500 local governments.

### **SWCD Supervisor Joe Morera Earns Certified District Official Designation**

In June, 2012, SWCD Supervisor Joe Morera completed the Certified District Official (CDO) Program through the Florida Association of Special Districts. The CDO Program serves to build strong management skills at all levels of the special district network. The CDO designation requires the completion of 32 hours of training in the following educational components/subject areas: Board Relations with District Manager and Staff; Contract Management; Public Relations; Strategic Planning; Intergovernmental Affairs/Agreements; Financial Management and Audits; The Legislative Process; and, Election, Ethics, and Sunshine Law.

Mr. Morera has been a Supervisor on the SWCD Board since 2009 and has been an active participant in the FASD. Mr. Morera is very proud of the implementation of Sunshine's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan to ensure that the District brings the drainage system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Sunshine Water Control District is charged with the provision of infrastructure and services for the purpose of surface water control in the center of Coral Springs, Florida, covering 9 square miles and consisting of 2 pump stations, 22 miles of canals and 131 culverts.

The Florida Association of Special Districts is the collective voice of special-purpose government and their mission is to unify and strengthen special purpose government through education, the exchange of ideas and active involvement in the legislative process.

###