

District Notes & News



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Contact the District Office
for an agenda.*

PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES POTABLE WATER PROJECT CONTINUES

The Palm Beach Country Estates Potable Water Project continues with ongoing installation of pipe and restoration in completed areas. Contractor Felix Associates, LLC is currently completing steps necessary for the certification and release of Phases 1B and 1A for placement into service. Both of these phases have been pressure-tested and Phase 1B has been bacteriologically tested, with Phase 1A to follow. On July 11, a final walkthrough for Phase 1B was conducted with the Contractor, Engineer, and Town of Jupiter staff. Noted punch list items have been addressed and final certification from the Town of Jupiter and Palm Beach County Health Department were scheduled for the end of July. It is estimated that the certification

package for Phase 1A would follow Phase 1B within two weeks.

Services for Phase 2 are 100% complete and District staff is working with the Contractor regarding location of services in Phase 3.

In June, all PBCE residents were sent information regarding progress of the project, a phase delineation map, and intent forms for hooking up to the potable water system.

As each phase is ready for hook up, residents will be sent additional information regarding setting up their accounts with the Town of Jupiter, who is supplying the water for the project.

In addition, information on the SIRWCD's voluntary financing program
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NRCS Funds New Projects in District

The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has approved another agreement with South Indian River Water Control District for stabilization of additional canal crossing culverts. The \$412,000 grant is for the installation of rip rap at ten new locations in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates (PBCE).

In June, Elwyn Cooper of the NRCS inspected the recently completed \$465,000 rip rap projects in Jupiter Farms and PBCE. This represented an amended agreement for Wilma-related repairs. "NRCS is pleased with the excellent quality work of Murray Logan Construction, contractors for the project. The District has established a great working relationship with NRCS that has been very beneficial for both agencies," said General Manager Gale English.

This brings the total grant funding from NRCS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for restoration work associated with the three hurricanes in 2004 and 2005 to approximately \$3.6 million to date. This represents nearly three years worth of the District's normal maintenance budget and has resulted in huge savings for the District's land-owners.

In addition, Palm Beach County has approved a \$163,000 reimbursement agreement to assist the District for costs associated with NRCS repairs on County road crossings over several of the District's canal right-of-ways and the SR 706 outfall revetment.



Florida Stormwater Education Corner Protecting Florida's Water

You might not think of stormwater management as being "green" or environmentally beneficial, but many practices associated with it are just that. Some of these best management practices (BMPs) provide a multitude of benefits for the environment. And with the drought situation in Florida, conserving water is a major topic of concern for everyone.

Many municipalities and other government entities are embracing Low Impact Development (LID) and Smart Growth. These programs encourage the use of best management practices, such as infiltration, that replicate pre-development hydrology and keep stormwater on site, and if possible, use it to recharge groundwater. The resultant reduction in runoff, which carries many toxins and pollutants, is extremely beneficial to the environment.

According to a recent story in the Palm Beach Post, Florida uses more domestic water than any other state in the country. Most of this water is used for irrigation. The story listed several practices that would not only conserve water, but also reduce stormwater runoff.

- If watering your landscaping or washing your car with a hose, use an on/off nozzle - this can save 600 gallons an hour.

- Fertilize your lawn in the rainy season, and use a slow-release, water insoluble formula that doesn't wash away. Avoid fertilizers that contain weed-killer or insecticide - instead spot treat problems. Horticultural oils and insecticidal soaps are better options for insect control.

- Reduce the size of your lawn and instead plant native plants. Replacing one water-loving plant with a drought-resistant variety can save 550 gallons of water a year. If every household in a single community of 500 homes followed this practice, it would save 275,000 gallons of water.

- If you use an irrigation system, install a rain switch that will shut off the system after a certain amount of rain.

- Direct rain water from your gutters into a rain barrel and use it to water your plants and trees.

A water-friendly yard reduces the volume of stormwater runoff and will help keep pollutants out of our rivers, wetlands, lakes, estuaries, and natural areas.

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will be included. *You are under no obligation to use the District's financing program and may secure your own financing if desired.* However, the District's financing will be recorded so that the annual assessment will run with the land and carry over to a new owner should you decide to sell your home in the future. Residents may also choose to pay hook-up fees up front.

The District Engineer's field representatives continue to work with residents to address any questions and to obtain service location information for residents who have not returned their service location forms. Residents are encouraged to report any problems or issues regarding the potable water project to the District Office, or to the District Engineer at 772-219-2953.

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7:30 pm
Ballots Due
Board of Supervisors Elections
Annual Landowners Meeting

September 20

7:30 pm
Annual Budget
Public Hearing and Meeting

August 16

Dates of Interest

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