

## About the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA)

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international nonprofit scientific and educational society dedicated to the improvement of water quality and supply. Founded in 1881, AWWA is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Membership includes 57,000 professionals and more than 4,700 utilities that supply water to roughly 180 million people in North America.

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Founded in 1926, FSAWWA has an over 80-year track record in representing the water industry and professionals in Florida. Our **2,700 professionals** represent:

- The full spectrum of the water community: treatment plant operators and managers, scientists, environmentalists, manufacturers, academician, regulators, and others who hold genuine interest in water supply and public health.
- 90% of Florida **water utilities**, generating revenues of about \$2.6 billion per year and supplying 2.4 billion gallons of potable water per day to their customers.
- Engineering/consulting firms and service providers.

#### Our Mission

AWWA unites the full spectrum of the water community to protect public health and to provide safe and sufficient water for all. Through collective leadership, FSAWWA advances technology, education, science, management, and government policies.

#### Training and Certification

- More than 55 training and certification events each year related to the latest potable water supply, treatment, distribution, economics and financing issues.
- Annual Fall Conference – Attracts an average of 2,000 water professionals each year.

#### 2012 Legislative Initiatives

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need to extend the water supply planning horizon beyond 20 years</li> <li>2. Need collaborative water supply planning between WMDs and utilities outside the SWFWMD/Tampa Bay Water area</li> <li>3. Protect our water suppliers to prevent</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Indirect potable use and the need for education</li> <li>5. Protect the water quality of those surface waters identified for future use as potable water supplies</li> </ol> |
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