

assistance through cost-share funding programs. Funding opportunities are also accessible through State and Federal Funds.

Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act Requirements

Pursuant to Subsection 373.805(4)(d), F.S., water management districts will provide financial assistance for the implementation of projects and measures identified in this Strategy. The amount of financial assistance to be made available by the water management districts for each designated project listed may not be less than 25% of the total project cost unless a specific funding source or sources are identified which will provide more than 75% of the total project cost. The SRWMD is not required to meet the 25% requirement to provide financial assistance.

SJRWMD intends to meet the aforementioned statutory requirement through its participation in the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project (already funded), the Water First North Florida project, and the Florida Water Star Silver Plus water conservation project. Regarding Water First North Florida, SJRWMD intends to participate by contributing to the planning, design, construction and/or operation and maintenance (O&M) of the project. In addition to direct cost-share, SJRWMD may meet the financial assistance requirement through land acquisition or in-kind services (e.g., project management, project administration, provision of O&M services). As required by statute, SJRWMD's financial contribution to Water First North Florida will be limited to the share of impacts to the MFL Compliance Points resulting from water withdrawals in the SJRWMD region (see Table 6), estimated at \$100-125 million.

District Funding

The Districts primarily provide funding assistance through Districtwide Annual Cost-Share Programs, which support projects that benefit one or more of the District's four core missions: water supply (alternative water supply and water conservation), water quality, natural systems restoration (including projects that provide a significant percent recovery for an MFL waterbody whose status is in prevention or recovery), and flood protection.

SRWMD

The SRWMD promotes water conservation and the implementation of measures that produce significant water savings beyond those required in a CUP. Additionally, the SRWMD provides cost-share funding for projects that foster the four core missions. Summarized below are the SRWMD's funding options and programs that offer financial assistance for projects.