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SLWSD Honored with 2025 FASD Safety Award

Port St. Lucie, FL — St. Lucie West Services District (SLWSD) received the 2025 Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) Safety Award on June 19, 2025, during the FASD Annual Conference. Selected from more than 1,200 special districts, SLWSD was honored for its commitment to creating a safe environment for both residents and employees.

Nominated by the Florida Insurance Alliance (FIA), the district was recognized for its proactive, employee-driven approach to workplace safety. SLWSD has consistently implemented recommendations from FIA's site visits and Mock OSHA assessments, aiming to exceed the highest standards in risk management.

At the core of its success is a culture of shared responsibility. Employees participate in regular safety meetings, report hazards, and help shape solutions that are adopted by district leadership. This collaborative effort has led to a strong, engaged safety culture focused on continuous improvement.

"Our community benefits when safety is a core focus of everything we do," said Assistant District Manager Gerard Rouse. District Manager Joshua Miller added, "This award represents the dedication and teamwork of our entire staff."

SLWSD also invests in training, safety committee involvement, and clear visual safety reminders across its facilities.



SLWSD Assistant District Manager Gerard Rouse (left) and District Manager Joshua Miller accepted the 2025 Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) Safety Award on June 19, 2025.



The new <u>Manage Alerts</u> water leak and usage notification feature in our online bill-pay portal is available now. This feature will let you set water usage thresholds and receive email or text alerts to help avoid unexpected high bills. Thank you for your patience—we're excited to bring you this helpful tool. More details, including how-to videos, will be shared later this month on our website. Watch for emails and site updates. Visit our website and use the homepage pop-up banner to sign up for our News and Notices.

Public Hearings Notice: Utility Rate Increase

The FY2026 Budget proposes a **9% utility** rate increase and raising the Stormwater Maintenance Assessment from \$176 to \$206 per unit. Public hearings will be held August **26, 2025, at 9:00 AM** at 450 SW Utility Drive. (Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title).

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Next Public Board Meeting: August 4 and 5.

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PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — The St. Lucie West Services District (SLWSD) has begun construction of a second Class I injection well, at its Water Treatment Facility located at 450 SW Utility Drive in St. Lucie West. This new well will safely dispose of the concentrate generated by the district's reverse osmosis water treatment processes.

Youngquist Brothers LLC, the selected contractor, will construct the well at a total cost of approximately \$7.7 million, with completion expected by Dec. 31, 2025. This project supports the District's long-term plan to improve utility infrastructure in response to growing demand and rising operational costs. SLWSD's recent and upcoming utility rate adjustments are directly tied to funding this and other critical improvements intended

to meet increased utilities demand and maintain competitive rates.

"A second injection well enhances our reliability, provides operational backup during maintenance, and ensures regulatory compliance," said District Manager Joshua Miller. "This investment protects both service continuity and environmental safety as our community exponentially grows."

Class I injection wells are deep, federally regulated systems used to dispose of reverse osmosis reject water. These wells inject the concentrate thousands of feet underground into confined rock formations well below drinking water sources, offering a long-term, environmentally responsible disposal solution.

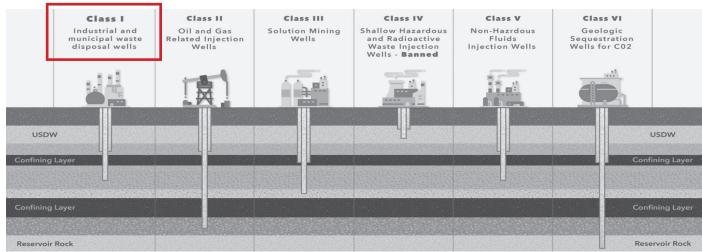


SLWSD's 2nd Class I Injection Well construction site, located at 450 SW Utility Dr.

St. Lucie West residents near the Water Treatment Facility should expect construction noise throughout the project. Work will comply with all St. Lucie County noise ordinances.

SLWSD is an independent, 4,600-acre community development district that provides potable water, wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and reclaimed irrigation water to the St. Lucie West area. It is governed by a five-member elected Board of Supervisors. The district's service area extends from Florida's Turnpike to Interstate 95, and from the C-108 Canal north of Peacock Boulevard to Crosstown Parkway.

To learn more, visit www.slwsd.org. For questions about this and other SLWSD projects contact SLWSD's Public Information Officer at PIO@slwsd.org.



Graph illustrating the six classes of Underground Injection Control wells. [USDW stands for Underground Source of Drinking Water (Drinking Water Layer)]