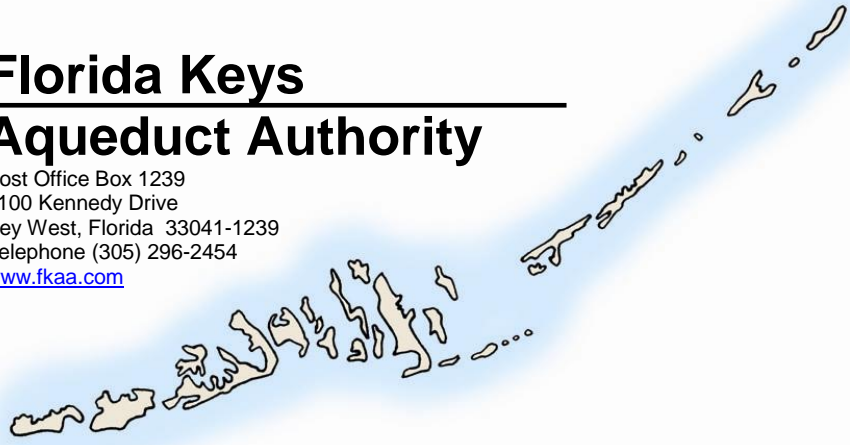




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### FKAA Wins Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest

**Key West-** The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority took home the top prize in the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association Region 7 drinking water contest Thursday night in Miami.

The FKAA entry featured water made possible by the recent opening of the new reverse osmosis facility in Florida City. “The new Florida Keys blend is a winning combination of classic Biscayne Aquifer water and a taste of Florida’s future,” said FKAA Executive Director Jim Reynolds.

Mike Tam, Director of Production and Transmission, and Rick Zucker, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor and Lab Director, were on hand to receive the award. “It’s a great honor and a total team effort,” said Zucker.

FKAA’s award-winning tap water will represent the region at the state contest to be held on April 8, 2010 during Drinking Water Day in Tallahassee. The state contest is judged by legislators and regulators sampling the top tap water from all twelve FSAWWA regions. Drinking Water Day is designed to raise awareness of the importance of tap water and related water issues.

FKAA won the blind taste test in a contest featuring Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department; City of North Miami Beach Public Service Department; City of North Miami Public Works; City of Homestead Public Works; and Florida City Water and Sewer.