



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 2, 2015

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of the State of Florida
Executive Office of the Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

**Subject: South Florida Water Management District
Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Dear Governor Scott:

The South Florida Water Management District (District) respectfully submits its final adopted budget of \$749.6 million for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 pursuant to Section 373.536 (6)(a)1, Florida Statutes.

The enclosed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget supports ongoing progress in environmental restoration and water resource projects throughout South Florida and continues the District's work to deliver on its core mission of flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems. Without raising taxes, the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 adopted budget, which includes accumulated reserves, supports these specific functions and statutory obligations:

- Providing flood control and hurricane response (including sufficient emergency and capital reserves);
- Improving water quality and implementing projects to restore the Everglades;
- Meeting ongoing water supply and water resource development needs;
- Administering streamlined regulatory programs; and
- Meeting ongoing debt service payments, with no new additional debt.

By limiting operating costs, administrative overhead and non-mission related projects, the District is able to ensure that its fiscal resources directly support mission-critical functions.

Budget Highlights

Nearly 84 percent of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget of \$749.6 million is dedicated to operations and maintenance of infrastructure and to the advancement of ecosystem restoration goals.

- The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget supports implementing the next phases of the Governor's \$880 million Restoration Strategies plan to improve Everglades water quality, including :
 - **\$46 million** to increase capacity at Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1 West;
 - **\$9 million** to continue implementation of the Science Plan to help improve the water cleaning performance of the STAs;

- **\$7.3 million** for Bolles Canal (G-341)-related conveyance improvements construction;
 - **\$6.9 million** for design of the Mecca Shallow Impoundment and Lainhart and Masten Conveyance Improvements for the Loxahatchee River; and
 - **\$5.2 million** to construct additional STA conveyance features.
- Priority projects will provide significant benefits to South Florida's extensive flood control system and protect coastal estuaries, including:
 - **\$55.7 million** for continued refurbishment of South Florida's flood control system;
 - **\$27.7 million** for design and initial construction of the Caloosahatchee River C-43 Western Basin Storage Reservoir;
 - **\$45.6 million** for construction progress on the C-44 Reservoir and STA to protect the St. Lucie River and Estuary;
 - **\$7.2 million** for construction and repairs to the Ten Mile Creek project; and
 - **\$31.4 million** for Kissimmee River restoration.
 - The approved budget also contains a significant infusion of new state revenues, **\$126.6 million**, appropriated by the Florida Legislature this year to continue the pace of restoration progress.

Adopted Millage Rates & Revenue Sources

For the fifth year in a row, SFWMD millage rates have been reduced. The rolled-back combined millage rates represent \$35.51 per \$100,000 of taxable value in 15 of the District's 16 counties (*Okeechobee Basin*). In Collier County and mainland Monroe County (*Big Cypress Basin*), the tax rates represent \$28.88 per \$100,000 of taxable value. The annual budget is funded by a combination of ad valorem (*property*) taxes and other revenues such as state appropriations, federal and local sources, balances, fees, investment earnings and agricultural privilege taxes. For Fiscal Year 2015- 2016, **\$266.9 million** is provided by property taxes; **\$226.4 million** is from accumulated reserves.

The District remains committed to fiscal efficiency and ensuring that citizen tax dollars are prudently budgeted and invested to meet the water resource needs of South Florida.

Sincerely,



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SFWMD

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016 Final Adopted Budget
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$51,579,945
1.1 - District Water Management Planning	26,066,243
1.1.1 Water Supply Planning	18,757,319
1.1.2 Minimum Flows and Levels	482,169
1.1.3 Other Water Resources Planning	6,826,755
1.2 - Research, Data Collection, Analysis and Monitoring	22,327,752
1.3 - Technical Assistance	311,466
1.4 - Other Water Resources Planning and Monitoring Activities	0
1.5 - Technology & Information Services	2,874,484
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$335,253,152
2.1 - Land Acquisition	0
2.2 - Water Source Development	10,525,027
2.2.1 Water Resource Development Projects	408,762
2.2.2 Water Supply Development Assistance	10,116,265
2.2.3 Other Water Source Development Activities	0
2.3 - Surface Water Projects	322,896,820
2.4 - Other Cooperative Projects	396,327
2.5 - Facilities Construction and Major Renovations	0
2.6 - Other Acquisition and Restoration Activities	0
2.7 - Technology & Information Service	1,434,978
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$296,630,658
3.1 - Land Management	40,493,763
3.2 - Works	207,716,259
3.3 - Facilities	4,441,570
3.4 - Invasive Plant Control	26,332,998
3.5 - Other Operation and Maintenance Activities	5,033,976
3.6 - Fleet Services ⁽²⁾	1,881,199
3.7 - Technology & Information Services	10,730,893
4.0 Regulation	\$27,314,085
4.1 - Consumptive Use Permitting	5,895,263
4.2 - Water Well Construction Permitting and Contractor Licensin	0
4.3 - Environmental Resource and Surface Water Permitting	10,199,037
4.4 - Other Regulatory and Enforcement Activities	8,606,666
4.5 - Technology & Information Service	2,613,119
5.0 Outreach	\$2,501,043
5.1 - Water Resource Education	0
5.2 - Public Information	2,448,637
5.3 - Public Relations	0
5.4 - Cabinet and Legislative Affairs	52,406
5.5 - Other Outreach Activities	0
5.6 - Technology & Information Service	0
<i>SUBTOTAL - Major Programs (excluding Management and Administration)</i>	<i>\$713,278,883</i>
6.0 District Management and Administration	\$36,309,600
6.1 - Administrative and Operations Support	29,581,104
6.1.1 - Executive Direction	893,499
6.1.2 - General Counsel / Legal	2,667,064
6.1.3 - Inspector General	796,594
6.1.4 - Administrative Support	12,401,777
6.1.5 - Fleet Services	0
6.1.6 - Procurement / Contract Administration	2,151,762
6.1.7 - Human Resources	1,392,046
6.1.8 - Communications	336,762
6.1.9 - Technology & Information Services	8,941,600
6.3 - Reserves	0
6.4 - Other - (Tax Collector / Property Appraiser Fees)	6,728,496
TOTAL	\$749,588,483

PROGRAM	Work Force	Amount
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	240	\$51,579,945
Salaries and Benefits	238	24,669,889
Other Personal Services	2	94,138
Contracted Services		5,314,667
Operating Expenses		15,133,563
Operating Capital Outlay		114,300
Fixed Capital Outlay		0
Interagency Expenditures		6,253,388
Debt		0
Reserves		0
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	150	\$335,253,152
Salaries and Benefits	150	16,543,795
Other Personal Services	0	0
Contracted Services		30,618,192
Operating Expenses		7,117,932
Operating Capital Outlay		6,007,656
Fixed Capital Outlay		228,273,359
Interagency Expenditures		11,526,846
Debt		35,165,372
Reserves		0
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	752	\$296,630,658
Salaries and Benefits	751	70,699,722
Other Personal Services	1	96,000
Contracted Services		25,040,462
Operating Expenses		79,097,797
Operating Capital Outlay		9,996,099
Fixed Capital Outlay		44,225,102
Interagency Expenditures		594,200
Debt		6,865,538
Reserves		60,015,738
4.0 Regulation	211	\$27,314,085
Salaries and Benefits	209	20,602,393
Other Personal Services	2	63,125
Contracted Services		1,020,148
Operating Expenses		5,613,419
Operating Capital Outlay		0
Fixed Capital Outlay		0
Interagency Expenditures		15,000
Debt		0
Reserves		0
5.0 Outreach	21	\$2,501,043
Salaries and Benefits	21	2,385,823
Other Personal Services	0	0
Contracted Services		43,000
Operating Expenses		72,220
Operating Capital Outlay		0
Fixed Capital Outlay		0
Interagency Expenditures		0
Debt		0
Reserves		0
6.0 District Management and Administration	161	\$36,309,600
Salaries and Benefits	161	17,890,660
Other Personal Services	0	0
Contracted Services		3,158,022
Operating Expenses		14,410,162
Operating Capital Outlay		850,756
Fixed Capital Outlay		0
Interagency Expenditures		0
Debt		0
Reserves		0
ALL PROGRAMS	1,535	\$749,588,483
Salaries and Benefits	1,530	152,792,282
Other Personal Services	5	253,263
Contracted Services		65,194,491
Operating Expenses		121,445,093
Operating Capital Outlay		16,968,811
Fixed Capital Outlay		272,498,461
Interagency Expenditures		18,389,434
Debt		42,030,910
Reserves		60,015,738

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SOURCE AND USE OF FUNDS, FUND BALANCE AND WORKFORCE**

ADOPTED BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2015-2016

	Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Tentative Budget)	Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Adopted Budget)
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
Beginning Cash Balance	\$390,902,819	\$390,563,309
District Revenues	333,460,616	333,460,616
Local Revenues	866,158	866,158
State Revenues	181,767,018	181,417,018
Federal Revenues	7,400,105	7,400,105
SOURCE OF FUND TOTAL	\$914,396,716	\$913,707,206
USE OF FUNDS		
Salaries and Benefits	\$152,792,282	\$152,792,282
Other Personal Services	293,263	253,263
Contracted Services	69,931,982	65,194,491
Operating Expenses	121,742,662	121,445,093
Operating Capital Outlay	17,068,577	16,968,811
Fixed Capital Outlay	271,956,440	272,498,461
Interagency Expenditures (Cooperative Funding)	17,984,434	18,389,434
Debt	42,030,910	42,030,910
Reserves - Emergency Response	60,015,738	60,015,738
USE OF FUNDS TOTAL	\$753,816,288	\$749,588,483
FUND BALANCE (ESTIMATED)		
Nonspendable	\$20,685,277	\$20,272,873
Restricted	132,191,359	136,142,058
Committed	7,703,792	7,703,792
Assigned	0	0
Unassigned	0	0
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$160,580,428	\$164,118,723
WORKFORCE		
Authorized Position (Full-Time Equivalents/FTE)	1,530	1,530
Contingent Worker (Independent Contractors)	0	0
Other Personal Services (OPS)	6	5
Intern	0	0
Volunteer	0	0
TOTAL WORKFORCE	1,536	1,535

Filled FTE Positions as of September 29, 2015 are 1,392

Reserves:

- Nonspendable - amounts required to be maintained intact as principal or an endowment
- Restricted - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes like grants or through enabling legislation
- Committed - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined and set by the District Governing Board
- Assigned - amounts intended to be used for specific contracts or purchase orders
- Unassigned - available balances that may be used for a yet to be determined purpose in the general fund only