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Managing and Protecting Water in South Florida

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.

Our Mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply.

Agency Overview

The South Florida Water Management District serves 16 counties from Orlando to Key West and from Fort Myers to Fort Lauderdale. Our District encompasses 31% of the state's land area and 41% of the population. More than 1.3 million acres of land within our boundaries are in public ownership.

We operate the region's primary flood control network along with other system components made up of miles of canals, levees, water storage areas, pump stations and other water control structures.

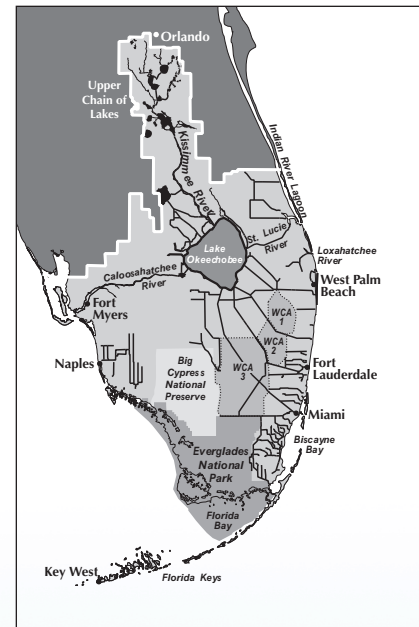
We also safeguard and plan regional water supplies for people and the environment, emphasizing the development of alternative water sources and water conservation. We improve and protect water quality in one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. We restore and protect our natural systems, including rivers, lakes, wetlands, bays and coastal estuaries.

Budget and Organization

The District's annual budget is funded by property taxes and other sources. Our Fiscal Year starts October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year. To underscore transparency and our commitment to public accountability, we constantly implement ways to improve operations, achieve efficiencies and implement good business practices.

State legislation divides the District into two taxing basins based on hydrologic characteristics unique to each basin. The Big Cypress Basin includes all of Collier County and a portion of mainland Monroe County. The Okeechobee Basin comprises the remaining area within SFWMD boundaries.

A nine-member Governing Board, appointed by the Governor, provides oversight and sets policy



for both basins. The Governor also appoints five Collier County residents to oversee Big Cypress Basin-specific planning, budgeting and operations.

Organizationally, the District is composed of the Executive Office (including the Office of Counsel and the Office of Management, Budget and Treasury) and four Resource Areas.

Resource Areas

Everglades Restoration & Capital Projects

This resource area identifies, plans, coordinates, implements and adapts solutions to restore the South Florida ecosystem, including the Everglades. The overarching goal is to restore, preserve and protect the ecosystem by implementing science-based projects that improve the quality, quantity, timing and distribution of water deliveries. Additionally, this area is responsible for the capital refurbishment of the Central and Southern Florida flood control system.

Operations & Maintenance

Responsibility for overseeing South Florida’s primary water management system – the regional Central and Southern Florida project built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, District-constructed water control facilities and the works of the Big Cypress Basin – falls within this resource area. The system is continuously expanded as new projects are completed and become operational. This area also provides stewardship of public lands, including vegetation management, exotic species control and opportunities for nature-based recreational activities.

Regulatory & Public Affairs

From permitting and water supply planning to outreach and intergovernmental relations, this resource area consolidates and centralizes the District’s public-focused functions. This one-stop approach promotes agency transparency and public involvement in water resource decision making and – working through our local service centers – extends the agency’s reach in communicating and coordinating with South Florida’s diverse communities.

Corporate Resources

Comprising most of the internal business functions of the agency, Corporate Resources is responsible for providing the high-quality and cost-effective human resource, business and technical services necessary for the agency to carry out its mission.

For More Information

For additional information about the District, visit www.sfwmd.gov. Our website provides a direct source for information about the agency, including Governing Board members and meetings; agency organization; publications such as the Strategic Plan, Budget and Annual Work Plan; major projects; permitting; related rules and statutes; agency news; career opportunities and much more.

QUICK STATS

Area and population:

- Spans all or part of 16 counties
- 18,000 square miles
- More than 7.5 million residents

One of the world's largest water management systems:

- More than 1,600 miles of canals and 1,000 miles of levees/berms
- More than 500 structures and 700 culverts
- 60 pump stations
- 25 weather stations

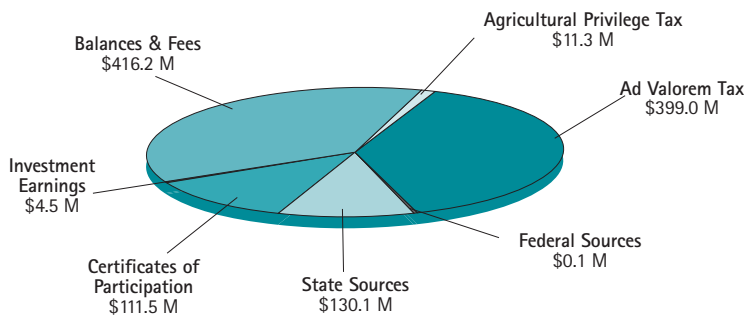
Budget and staffing

- Fiscal Year 2011 total budget: \$1.07 billion
- 1,900+ employees

How We Are Funded

District activities are funded by a combination of ad valorem (property) taxes and other sources such as federal, state and local revenue, licenses, permit fees, grants, agricultural taxes, investment income and bond proceeds. Fiscal Year 2011 revenue sources are shown below:

Where the Money Comes From
FY2011 Budget (\$ Millions)



Total Revenue \$1.07 Billion

District Locations

Headquarters

West Palm Beach: (561) 686-8800 or (800) 432-2045

Field Stations

- Big Cypress Basin: (239) 597-2236
- Clewiston: (863) 983-1431
- Fort Lauderdale: (954) 452-4814
- Homestead: (305) 242-5933
- Miami: (305) 513-3420
- Okeechobee: (863) 462-5328
- St. Cloud: (407) 891-3550
- West Palm Beach: (561) 791-4100

Service Centers

- Big Cypress Basin: (239) 263-7615
- Broward: (954) 713-3200 or (877) 350-3897
- Florida Keys: (305) 453-1275
- Lower West Coast: (239) 338-2929 or (800) 248-1201
- Martin/St. Lucie: (772) 223-2600 or (800) 250-4100
- Miami-Dade: (305) 377-7274 or (800) 250-4300
- Okeechobee: (863) 462-5260 or (800) 250-4200
- Orlando: (407) 858-6100 or (800) 250-4250
- Palm Beach County: (561) 682-6000 or (800) 432-2045, ext. 6000

Toll-free numbers are Florida only.



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