



# SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 3, 2019

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

The Honorable Bill Galvano  
President of the Senate  
409 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Jose R. Oliva  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
420 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

**Subject: South Florida Water Management District  
Final Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Dear Governor DeSantis, President Galvano and Speaker Oliva:

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board respectfully submits the District's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 pursuant to Section 373.536, Florida Statutes. The Final Adopted Budget supports Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 19-12 to do more now for Florida's environment with additional resources to expedite critical projects that reduce harmful discharges and send more water south.

With historic and generous support from State leadership during the 2019 legislative session, the Final Adopted Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget of \$989.8 million allows the South Florida Water Management District (District) to expedite progress on critical Everglades restoration and water quality projects throughout South Florida while ensuring the District continues to deliver on its mission for 8.7 million residents and tens of millions of visitors. Without raising taxes on South Florida families, the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Adopted Budget supports the agency's mission: ***"To safeguard and restore South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, protect our communities from flooding, and meet the region's water needs while connecting with the public and stakeholders."*** This is accomplished through mission-critical functions including:

- Expediting critical Everglades restoration projects;
- Refurbishing, replacing, improving and managing the components of our water management system;

- Meeting the water needs of the environment and preparing for current and future demands of water users; and
- Ensuring South Florida's taxpayers receive efficient and effective customer service.

The agency's work is accomplished with the partnering of multiple funding sources including ad valorem property taxes, state appropriations, federal and local sources, reserve balances, fees, investment earnings and agricultural privilege taxes. The Fiscal Year 2019-20 Adopted Budget contains more than \$395 million in new state revenues from the Florida Legislature's 2019 legislative session, **an increase of over \$147 million**. This historic investment illustrates to the citizens of South Florida the dedication to make Everglades restoration a priority for the State of Florida.

Through efficient oversight of operating costs, administrative overhead and non-mission related projects, the District has ensured that its fiscal resources for Fiscal Year 2019-20 support its mission-critical functions.

### **Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Highlights**

The Governing Board has dedicated over **88 percent** of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 adopted budget to the advancement of ecosystem restoration projects in support of water quality goals throughout South Florida and America's beautiful Everglades in addition to operations and maintenance of water management infrastructure of one of the largest water management systems in the world.

The Final Adopted Budget supports implementing priority projects in support of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 19-12. To keep the public informed of these important projects, the District created a special webpage at [SFWMD.gov/AchieveMoreNow](http://SFWMD.gov/AchieveMoreNow) where the public can monitor the progress of these important projects. Some of the major projects in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 include:

- **Over \$400 million** to continue the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) for projects such as Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir Conveyance Improvements and Stormwater Treatment Area (STA), Caloosahatchee C-43 Western Basin Storage Reservoir, Indian River Lagoon C-44 STA, Central Everglades S-333N and Old Tamiami Trail Removal, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands L-31E Component and Lake Okeechobee Watershed; and
- **Over \$52 million** for Northern Everglades & Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) including such projects as Dispersed Water Management, Lakeside Ranch Phase II, Nubbin Slough STA, Lake Hicpochee Restoration and C-43 Water Quality Study; and
- **Over \$51 million** for Restoration Strategies including such projects as Bolles Canal Hydrologic conveyance improvements construction; STA-1 West

Expansion 2, C-139 Flow Equalization Basins (FEB) and STA-5/6 Internal Improvements;

- **Over \$50 million** for research, data collection, analysis, increased monitoring efforts, pollution control programs and projects to address harmful algal blooms; and
- **Over \$19 million** for C-139 Annex Wetland Restoration – Phase II.

Additionally, **over \$285 million** of significant investment of funding in support of South Florida's extensive flood protection system including:

- **Over \$60 million** for required maintenance, refurbishment and repair of South Florida's flood protection system;
- **Over \$100 million** for ongoing operations and maintenance and harmful exotic species control of the Central and Southern Florida Project (C&SF), Big Cypress Basin, Storm Water Treatment Areas, and doubling the python program participation and investing more resources into improving how we locate and remove pythons as directed by Governor DeSantis;
- **Over \$7 million** to address Coastal Resiliency and Sea Level Rise; and
- **\$61 million** for hurricane/tropical weather impacts or unanticipated flood protection emergencies.

The preliminary, tentative, and final budgets are available on the District's website at [sfwmd.gov](http://sfwmd.gov).

Our Governing Board continues its commitment to improve our outreach and public engagement efforts to enhance transparency, accountability and fiscal discipline while maintaining the necessary public service needed to protect and improve South Florida's water resources. Thank you for taking the time to review our budget, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the South Florida Water Management District's Adopted Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Thank you,



Drew Bartlett  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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

ADOPTED BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2019-2020

	Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Tentative Budget)	Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Adopted Budget)
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>		
Beginning Cash Balance	\$439,651,805	\$443,004,101
District Revenues	348,327,197	348,327,197
Local Revenues	1,829,200	1,829,200
State Revenues	406,911,718	424,711,718
Federal Revenues	9,155,354	9,155,354
<b>SOURCE OF FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,205,875,274</b>	<b>\$1,227,027,570</b>
<b>USE OF FUNDS</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$147,298,781	\$147,298,781
Other Personal Services	199,705	199,705
Contracted Services	102,436,304	110,034,983
Operating Expenses	140,541,368	138,524,736
Operating Capital Outlay	38,688,313	59,290,837
Fixed Capital Outlay	409,764,175	413,342,718
Interagency Expenditures (Cooperative Funding)	11,301,430	29,477,430
Debt	30,372,127	30,372,127
Reserves - Emergency Response	61,255,337	61,255,337
<b>USE OF FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$941,857,540</b>	<b>\$989,796,654</b>
<b>RESERVES (ESTIMATED)</b>		
Nonspendable	\$20,597,011	\$20,676,432
Restricted	204,395,708	191,048,969
Committed	39,025,015	25,505,515
Assigned	-	-
Unassigned	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>\$264,017,734</b>	<b>\$237,230,916</b>
<b>WORKFORCE</b>		
Authorized Position (Full-Time Equivalents/FTE)	1,475	1,475
Contingent Worker (Independent Contractors)	-	-
Other Personal Services (OPS)	3	3
Intern	-	-
Volunteer	-	-
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1,478</b>

**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

**South Florida Water Management District  
Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020 Adopted Budget
<b>1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring</b>	<b>\$54,299,689</b>
1.1 - District Water Management Planning	21,043,705
1.1.1 Water Supply Planning	15,602,487
1.1.2 Minimum Flows and Levels	337,129
1.1.3 Other Water Resources Planning	5,104,089
1.2 - Research, Data Collection, Analysis and Monitoring	29,993,945
1.3 - Technical Assistance	218,692
1.4 - Other Water Resources Planning and Monitoring Activities	-
1.5 - Technology & Information Services	3,043,347
<b>2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works</b>	<b>\$564,625,144</b>
2.1 - Land Acquisition	-
2.2 - Water Source Development	18,339,784
2.2.1 Water Resource Development Projects	218,424
2.2.2 Water Supply Development Assistance	18,121,360
2.2.3 Other Water Source Development Activities	-
2.3 - Surface Water Projects	544,321,958
2.4 - Other Cooperative Projects	266,220
2.5 - Facilities Construction and Major Renovations	-
2.6 - Other Acquisition and Restoration Activities	-
2.7 - Technology & Information Service	1,697,182
<b>3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works</b>	<b>\$310,215,112</b>
3.1 - Land Management	27,666,266
3.2 - Works	225,796,608
3.3 - Facilities	4,027,189
3.4 - Invasive Plant Control	29,205,431
3.5 - Other Operation and Maintenance Activities	5,502,946
3.6 - Fleet Services	8,218,066
3.7 - Technology & Information Services	9,798,606
<b>4.0 Regulation</b>	<b>\$21,767,846</b>
4.1 - Consumptive Use Permitting	5,274,382
4.2 - Water Well Construction Permitting and Contractor Licensing	-
4.3 - Environmental Resource and Surface Water Permitting	8,776,364
4.4 - Other Regulatory and Enforcement Activities	4,550,893
4.5 - Technology & Information Service	3,166,207
<b>5.0 Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,214,274</b>
5.1 - Water Resource Education	-
5.2 - Public Information	1,182,774
5.3 - Public Relations	-
5.4 - Washington D.C. Representation	31,500
5.5 - Other Outreach Activities	-
5.6 - Technology & Information Service	-
<i>SUBTOTAL - Major Programs (excluding Management and Administration)</i>	<i>\$952,122,065</i>
<b>6.0 District Management and Administration</b>	<b>\$37,674,589</b>
6.1 - Administrative and Operations Support	30,914,707
6.1.1 - Executive Direction	819,243
6.1.2 - General Counsel / Legal	2,946,310
6.1.3 - Inspector General	842,063
6.1.4 - Administrative Support	11,461,713
6.1.5 - Fleet Services	-
6.1.6 - Procurement / Contract Administration	1,967,835
6.1.7 - Human Resources	1,607,340
6.1.8 - Communications	428,740
6.1.9 - Technology & Information Services	10,841,463
6.2 - Computer/Computer Support	-
6.3 - Reserves	-
6.4 - Other - (Tax Collector / Property Appraiser Fees)	6,759,882
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$989,796,654</b>

PROGRAMS WITH EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	Work Force	FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020 Adopted Budget
<b>1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring</b>		<b>\$54,299,689</b>
Salaries and Benefits	235	24,761,260
Other Personal Services	1	136,580
Contracted Services		5,760,134
Operating Expenses		15,413,210
Operating Capital Outlay		546,965
Fixed Capital Outlay		1,932,314
Interagency Expenditures		5,749,226
Debt		-
Reserves		-
<b>2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works</b>		<b>\$564,625,144</b>
Salaries and Benefits	158	17,344,653
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		86,608,647
Operating Expenses		8,588,768
Operating Capital Outlay		24,575,346
Fixed Capital Outlay		374,030,351
Interagency Expenditures		23,105,252
Debt		30,372,127
Reserves		-
<b>3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works</b>		<b>\$310,215,112</b>
Salaries and Benefits	749	70,162,797
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		14,017,656
Operating Expenses		94,807,939
Operating Capital Outlay		31,968,378
Fixed Capital Outlay		37,380,053
Interagency Expenditures		622,952
Debt		-
Reserves		61,255,337
<b>4.0 Regulation</b>		<b>\$21,767,846</b>
Salaries and Benefits	163	15,999,349
Other Personal Services	2	63,125
Contracted Services		549,070
Operating Expenses		5,156,302
Operating Capital Outlay		-
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
<b>5.0 Outreach</b>		<b>\$1,214,274</b>
Salaries and Benefits	9	1,002,554
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		158,880
Operating Expenses		52,840
Operating Capital Outlay		-
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
<b>6.0 District Management and Administration</b>		<b>\$37,674,589</b>
Salaries and Benefits	161	18,028,168
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		2,940,596
Operating Expenses		14,505,677
Operating Capital Outlay		2,200,148
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
<b>ALL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>\$989,796,654</b>
Salaries and Benefits	1,475	147,298,781
Other Personal Services	3	199,705
Contracted Services		110,034,983
Operating Expenses		138,524,736
Operating Capital Outlay		59,290,837
Fixed Capital Outlay		413,342,718
Interagency Expenditures		29,477,430
Debt		30,372,127
Reserves		61,255,337