



EAA Reservoir Project Construction

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
ADOPTED BUDGET SUBMISSION

October 2, 2026

Pursuant to Section 373.536, Florida Statutes



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 2, 2026

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

The Honorable Ben Albritton
President of the Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Wyman Duggan
Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Subject: South Florida Water Management District Adopted Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Dear Governor DeSantis, President Albritton, and Speaker Duggan:

The South Florida Water Management District (District) Governing Board respectfully submits its Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, covering October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, in the amount of \$1,622,385,541, pursuant to Section 373.536(6)(a), Florida Statutes. This budget continues the State's investment in accelerating Everglades restoration while supporting South Florida's flood protection and water supply needs for more than 9 million residents and the millions of visitors to the region each year.

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Adopted Budget supports the District's mission to safeguard and restore South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, protect communities from flooding, and meet the region's water needs. The budget provides investments in ecosystem restoration, water quality initiatives, water supply, and the operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and improvement of South Florida's critical flood control infrastructure. The District could not accomplish this mission without the continued support and partnership of the Governor and the Florida Legislature.

The District has a demonstrated track record of maximizing resources while delivering essential services efficiently and effectively. Over the past 17 years, the District has reduced its full-time workforce by 319 positions—more than a 17 percent reduction—and decreased its recurring ad valorem-funded operating budget by 12 percent, while managing more than a 50 percent

increase in critical water management infrastructure, nearly doubling its land management responsibilities, and overseeing a six-fold increase in construction management.

The District's long-standing focus on efficiency and innovation has enabled it to absorb a portion of the costs associated with expanding infrastructure and increasing operational demands while continuing to deliver critical services. These efforts demonstrate the District's commitment to fiscal discipline, operational efficiency, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.

The accompanying materials provide highlights of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Adopted Budget and supporting financial information. The District's Preliminary, Tentative, and Adopted Budgets are also available on the District's website at [SFWMD.gov/Budget](https://sfwmd.gov/Budget)

The Governing Board remains committed to transparency, accountability, and fiscal discipline while maintaining the essential public services necessary 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 or Candida Heater at cheater@sfwmd.gov or (561) 682-6486 if you have any questions about the South Florida Water Management District's Adopted Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Thank you,



Drew Bartlett
Executive Director

Enclosure

CC:

SFWMD Governing Board

BCB Governing Board

The Honorable Alexis A. Lambert, Secretary of Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Legislative Committee and Subcommittee Chairs

County Governing Body Members

As provided in section 373.536(6)(a)(1), Florida Statutes; “Each district must, by the date specified for each item, furnish copies of the following documents to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairs of all legislative committees and subcommittees having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over the districts, as determined by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives as applicable, the secretary of the department, and the governing board of each county in which the district has jurisdiction or derives any funds for the operations of the district:

1. The adopted budget, to be furnished within 10 days after its adoption.”

Executive Office of the Governor

Governor Ron DeSantis: Desantis.opengov@eog.myflorida.com

Taylor Schrader, Director of Executive Staff: Taylor.Schrader@eog.myflorida.com

Cody Farrill, Deputy Chief of Staff: Cody.Farrill@eog.myflorida.com

Office of Policy & Budget

Kim Cramer: Kim.Cramer@laspbs.state.fl.us

Mike Atchley: Mike.Atchley@laspbs.state.fl.us

Gerri Hall: Gerri.Hall@laspbs.state.fl.us

Florida Senate - Office of Senate President

Senator Ben Albritton, President: Albritton.Ben.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Jason Brodeur, President Pro Tempore: Brodeur.Jason.web@flsenate.gov

Andrew Mackintosh, Chief of Staff: Mackintosh.Andrew@flsenate.gov

Reynold Meyer, Deputy Chief of Staff: Meyer.Reynold@flsenate.gov

Katie Betta, Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications: Betta.Katie@flsenate.gov

Senate Committee on Appropriations

Senator Ed Hooper, Chair: Hooper.Ed.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Darryl Rouson, Vice Chair: Rouson.Darryl.web@flsenate.gov

Tim Sadberry, Staff Director: Tim.Sadberry@laspbs.state.fl.us

John Shettle, Deputy Staff Director: John.Shettle@laspbs.state.fl.us

Tonya Money, Deputy Staff Director: Money.Tonya@laspbs.state.fl.us

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment & General Government

Senator Jason Brodeur, Chair: Brodeur.Jason.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Lori Berman, Vice Chair: Berman.Lori.web@flsenate.gov

Giovanni Betta, Staff Director: Gino.Betta@laspbs.state.fl.us

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, Chair: Rodriguez.Anamaria.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Debbie Mayfield, Vice Chair: Mayfield.Debbie.web@flsenate.gov

Ellen Rogers, Staff Director: Rogers.Ellen@flsenate.gov

Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

Senator Don Gaetz, Chair: Gaetz.Don.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Mack Bernard, Vice Chair: Bernard.Mack.web@flsenate.gov

Dawn Roberts, Staff Director: Roberts.Dawn@flsenate.gov

Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Senator Debbie Mayfield, Chair: Mayfield.Debbie.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Nick DiCeglie, Vice Chair: DiCeglie.Nick.web@flsenate.gov

Joe McVaney, Staff Director: McVaney.Joe@flsenate.gov

Tamra Redig, Administrative Assistant: Redig.Tamra@flsenate.gov

House Majority Office

Representative Wyman Duggan, Speaker: Wyman.Duggan@flhouse.gov

Tom Hamby, Deputy Chief of Staff, Policy: Tom.Hamby@flhouse.gov

Michelle Voran, Deputy Chief of Staff, Administration: Michelle.Voran@flhouse.gov

Hannah Littlejohn, Director for Special Projects: Hannah.Littlejohn@flhouse.gov

Lynn Imhof, Special Assistant to the Speaker: Lynn.Imhof@flhouse.gov

House Budget Committee

Representative Lawrence McClure, Chair: Lawrence.McClure@flhouse.gov

Representative Susan Valdes, Vice Chair: Susan.Valdes@flhouse.gov

Representative Fentrice Driskell, Democratic Ranking Member:

Fentrice.Driskell@flhouse.gov

Eric Pridgeon, Staff Director: Eric.Pridgeon@laspbs.state.fl.us

Alicia Trexler, Deputy Staff Director: Alicia.Trexler@laspbs.state.fl.us

House Agricultural and Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee

Representative John Snyder, Chair: John.Snyder@flhouse.gov

Representative Adam Botana, Vice Chair: Adam.Botana@flhouse.gov

Representative Lisa Dunkley, Democratic Ranking Member:

Lisa.Dunkley@flhouse.gov

Bruce Topp, Budget Chief: Bruce.Topp@laspbs.state.fl.us

House State Affairs Committee

Representative Will Robinson, Chair: Will.Robinson@flhouse.gov

Representative James Vernon Mooney Jr., Vice Chair: Jim.Mooney@flhouse.gov

Griff Griffiths, Republican Committee Whip: Griff.Griffitts@flhouse.gov

Dr. Anna Eskamani, Democratic Ranking Member: Anna.Eskamani@flhouse.gov

Heather Williamson, Staff Director: Heather.Williamson@flhouse.gov

House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

Representative Adam Botana, Chair: Adam.Botana@flhouse.gov

Representative James Vernon Mooney Jr., Vice Chair: Jim.Mooney@flhouse.gov

Representative Kelly Skidmore, Democratic Ranking Member:

Kelly.Skidmore@flhouse.gov

Roberta Skinner, Policy Chief: Roberta.Skinner@flhouse.gov

Joint Legislative Budget Commission

Representative Lawrence McClure, Alternating Chair:

Lawrence.McClure@flhouse.gov

Representative Robert Alexander "Alex" Andrade: Alex.Andrade@flhouse.gov

Representative Demi Busatta: Demi.Busatta@flhouse.gov

Representative Jason Shoaf: Jason.Shoaf@flhouse.gov

Representative John Snyder: John.Snyder@flhouse.gov

Representative Allison Tant: Allison.Tant@flhouse.gov

Representative Marie Paule Woodson: Marie.Woodson@flhouse.gov

Senator Ed Hooper, Alternating Chair: Hooper.Ed.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Lori Berman: Berman.Lori.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Jim Boyd: Boyd.Jim.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Jason Brodeur: Brodeur.Jason.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Gayle Harrell: Harrell.Gayle.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Kathleen Passidomo: Passidomo.Kathleen.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Darryl Ervin Rouson: Rouson.Darryl.web@flsenate.gov

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Alexis A. Lambert, Secretary: Alexis.Lambert@FloridaDEP.gov

Mara Gambineri, Chief of Staff: Mara.Gambineri@FloridaDEP.gov

Alex Cronin, Director of Legislative Affairs: Alex.Cronin@FloridaDEP.gov

Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary, Ecosystem Restoration:

Adam.Blalock@FloridaDEP.gov

Kristine Morris, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Division of Ecosystems Restoration:

Kristine.P.Morris@FloridaDEP.gov

Edward C. Smith, Director, Water Policy and Ecosystems Restoration:

Edward.C.Smith@FloridaDEP.gov

Pamela Flores, Chief of Natural Sciences, Bureau of Water Policy:

Pamela.Flores@FloridaDEP.gov

Jennifer Adams, Environmental Administrator, Bureau of Water Policy:

Jennifer.G.Adams@FloridaDEP.gov

James Albright, Environmental Administrator, Bureau of Water Policy:

James.Albright@FloridaDEP.gov

Andrew Clement, South Florida Water Management District Liaison:

Andrew.Clement@FloridaDEP.gov

County Commission Chairs & Mayors

Broward County, Mark Bogen, Mayor: MBogen@Broward.org

Charlotte County, Joe Tiseo, Chair: Joseph.Tiseo@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

Collier County, Burt L. Saunders, Chair: Burt.Saunders@colliercountyfl.gov

Glades County, Tim Stanley, Chair: TStanley@myglades.com

Hendry County, Emma Byrd, Chair: bocc1@hendryfla.net

Highlands County, Don Elwell, Chair: delwell@highlandsfl.gov

Lee County, Kevin Ruane, Chair: dist1@leegov.com

Martin County, Sarah Heard, Chair: sheard@martin.fl.us

Miami-Dade County, Anthony Rodriguez, Chair: District10@miamidade.gov

Miami-Dade County, Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor: mayor@miamidade.gov
Monroe County, Michelle Lincoln, Mayor: boccds2@monroecounty-fl.gov
Okeechobee County, David Hazellief, Chair: dhazellief@okeechobeecountyfl.gov
Orange County, Jerry Demings, Mayor: Mayor@ocfl.net
Osceola County, Brandon Arrington, Chair: Brandon.Arrington@osceola.org
Palm Beach County, Sara Baxter, Mayor: SBaxter@pbcgov.org
Polk County, Martha Santiago, Chair: MarthaSantiago@polk-county.net
St. Lucie County, Jamie Fowler, Chair: Fowlerj@stlucieco.org

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

ADOPTED BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2026-2027

	Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Tentative Budget)	Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Adopted Budget)
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
Utilization of Fund Balance	\$ 94,321,140	\$ 94,397,085
District Revenues	492,797,709	492,797,709
Local Revenues	73,630	73,630
State Revenues	755,714,955	718,492,024
Federal Revenues	317,866,651	316,625,093
SOURCE OF FUND TOTAL	\$1,660,774,085	\$1,622,385,541
USE OF FUNDS		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 199,896,360	\$ 199,896,360
Other Personal Services	175,662	175,662
Contracted Services	125,447,334	123,812,183
Operating Expenses	187,670,663	187,328,914
Operating Capital Outlay	62,221,837	62,221,837
Fixed Capital Outlay	985,875,876	949,507,239
Interagency Expenditures (Cooperative Funding)	13,446,881	13,403,874
Debt	27,058,950	27,058,950
Reserves - Emergency Response	58,980,522	58,980,522
USE OF FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,660,774,085	\$1,622,385,541
RESERVES (ESTIMATED 9/30/2026)		
Nonspendable	\$ 25,625,317	\$ 25,625,317
Restricted	122,418,958	122,343,013
Committed	-	-
Assigned	15,742,735	15,742,735
Unassigned	-	-
TOTAL RESERVES	\$163,787,010	\$163,711,065
WORKFORCE		
Authorized Position (Full-Time Equivalents/FTE)	1,523	1,523
Contingent Worker (Independent Contractors)	-	-
Other Personal Services (OPS)	1	1
Intern	-	-
Volunteer	-	-
TOTAL WORKFORCE	1,524	1,524

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

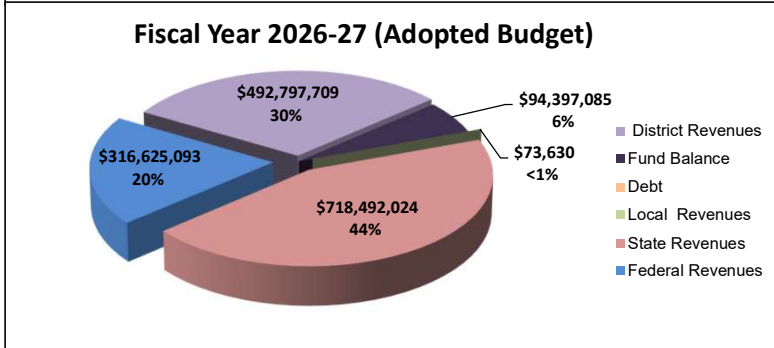
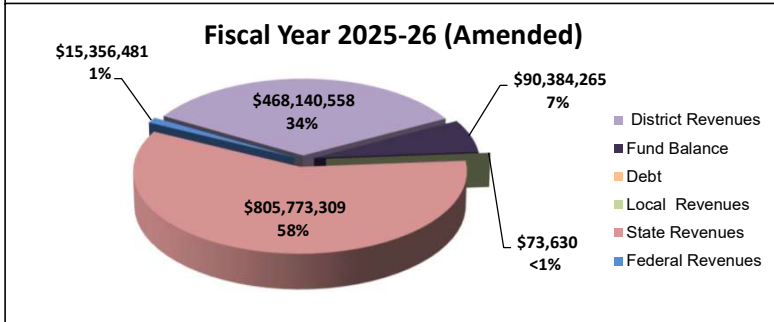
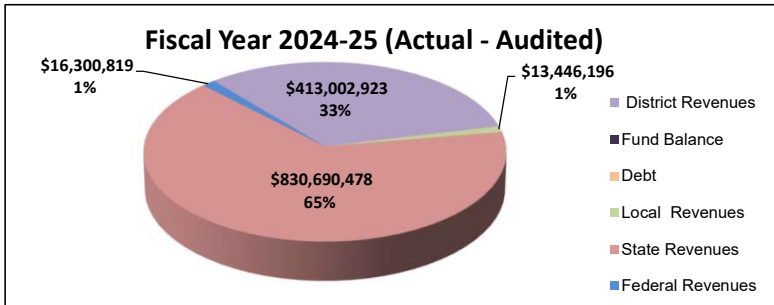
Assigned - amounts intended to be used for specific contracts or purchase orders

Unassigned - available balances that may be used for a yet to be determined purpose in the general fund only

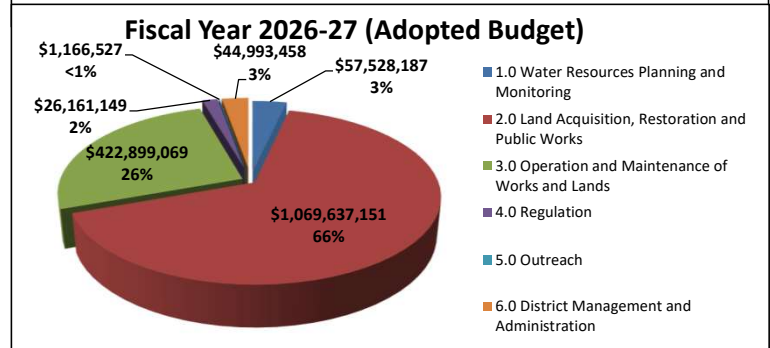
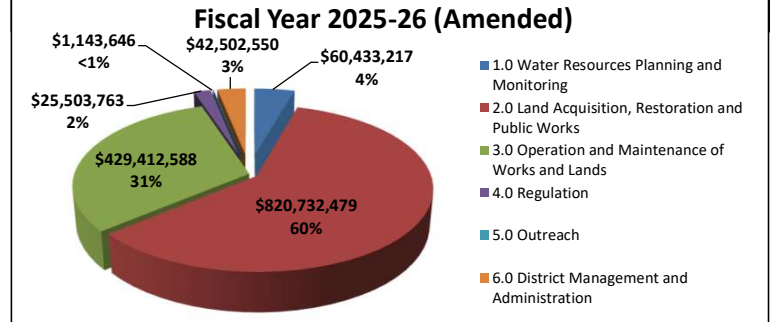
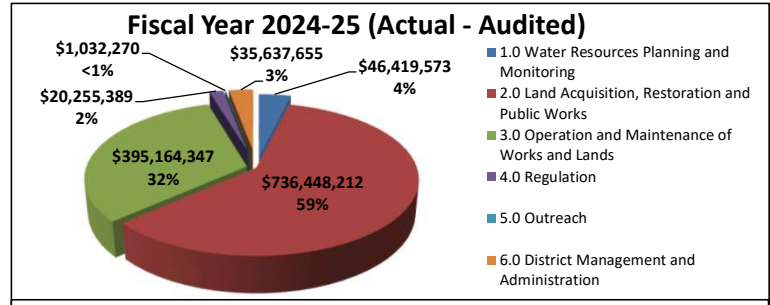
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027 Adopted Budget
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$57,528,187
1.1 - District Water Management Planning	17,189,959
1.1.1 Water Supply Planning	14,462,102
1.1.2 Minimum Flows and Levels	107,516
1.1.3 Other Water Resources Planning	2,620,341
1.2 - Research, Data Collection, Analysis and Monitoring	35,711,557
1.3 - Technical Assistance	593,797
1.4 - Other Water Resources Planning and Monitoring Activities	-
1.5 - Technology & Information Services	4,032,874
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	1,069,637,151
2.1 - Land Acquisition	-
2.2 - Water Source Development	9,290,486
2.2.1 Water Resource Development Projects	181,625
2.2.2 Water Supply Development Assistance	9,108,861
2.2.3 Other Water Source Development Activities	-
2.3 - Surface Water Projects	1,057,743,647
2.4 - Other Cooperative Projects	166,138
2.5 - Facilities Construction and Major Renovations	-
2.6 - Other Acquisition and Restoration Activities	-
2.7 - Technology & Information Service	2,436,880
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$422,899,069
3.1 - Land Management	14,958,296
3.2 - Works	325,909,206
3.3 - Facilities	3,939,476
3.4 - Invasive Plant Control	46,095,812
3.5 - Other Operation and Maintenance Activities	7,869,512
3.6 - Fleet Services	9,321,349
3.7 - Technology & Information Services	14,805,418
4.0 Regulation	\$26,161,149
4.1 - Consumptive Use Permitting	6,061,932
4.2 - Water Well Construction Permitting and Contractor Licensing	-
4.3 - Environmental Resource and Surface Water Permitting	10,504,967
4.4 - Other Regulatory and Enforcement Activities	5,325,092
4.5 - Technology & Information Service	4,269,158
5.0 Outreach	1,166,527
5.1 - Water Resource Education	-
5.2 - Public Information	1,162,027
5.3 - Public Relations	-
5.4 - Cabinet & Legislative Affairs	4,500
5.5 - Other Outreach Activities	-
5.6 - Technology & Information Service	-
<i>SUBTOTAL - Major Programs (excluding Management and Administration)</i>	<i>\$1,577,392,083</i>
6.0 District Management and Administration	\$44,993,458
6.1 - Administrative and Operations Support	34,318,458
6.1.1 - Executive Direction	290,738
6.1.2 - General Counsel / Legal	3,492,495
6.1.3 - Inspector General	772,896
6.1.4 - Administrative Support	15,246,253
6.1.5 - Fleet Services	-
6.1.6 - Procurement / Contract Administration	2,585,071
6.1.7 - Human Resources	2,014,386
6.1.8 - Communications	306,606
6.1.9 - Technology & Information Services	9,610,013
6.2 - Computer/Computer Support	-
6.3 - Reserves	-
6.4 - Other - (Tax Collector / Property Appraiser Fees)	10,675,000
TOTAL	\$1,622,385,541

PROGRAMS WITH EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	Work Force	FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027 Adopted Budget
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring		\$57,528,187
Salaries and Benefits	237	30,888,621
Other Personal Services	1	175,662
Contracted Services		7,186,447
Operating Expenses		17,235,517
Operating Capital Outlay		153,500
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		1,888,440
Debt		-
Reserves		-
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works		\$1,069,637,151
Salaries and Benefits	161	23,856,871
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		92,639,193
Operating Expenses		15,006,256
Operating Capital Outlay		38,707,198
Fixed Capital Outlay		861,457,938
Interagency Expenditures		10,910,745
Debt		27,058,950
Reserves		-
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works		\$422,899,069
Salaries and Benefits	805	102,271,950
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		21,213,590
Operating Expenses		129,605,878
Operating Capital Outlay		22,173,139
Fixed Capital Outlay		88,049,301
Interagency Expenditures		604,689
Debt		-
Reserves		58,980,522
4.0 Regulation		\$26,161,149
Salaries and Benefits	156	19,552,012
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		358,019
Operating Expenses		6,251,118
Operating Capital Outlay		-
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
5.0 Outreach		\$1,166,527
Salaries and Benefits	8	1,127,277
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		3,100
Operating Expenses		36,150
Operating Capital Outlay		-
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
6.0 District Management and Administration		\$44,993,458
Salaries and Benefits	156	22,199,629
Other Personal Services		-
Contracted Services		2,411,834
Operating Expenses		19,193,995
Operating Capital Outlay		1,188,000
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
ALL PROGRAMS	1,524	\$1,622,385,541
Salaries and Benefits	1,523	\$199,896,360
Other Personal Services	1	\$175,662
Contracted Services		\$123,812,183
Operating Expenses		\$187,328,914
Operating Capital Outlay		\$62,221,837
Fixed Capital Outlay		\$949,507,239
Interagency Expenditures		\$13,403,874
Debt		\$27,058,950
Reserves		\$58,980,522

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ADOPTED BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2026-27
REVENUES BY SOURCE



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ADOPTED BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2026-27
EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

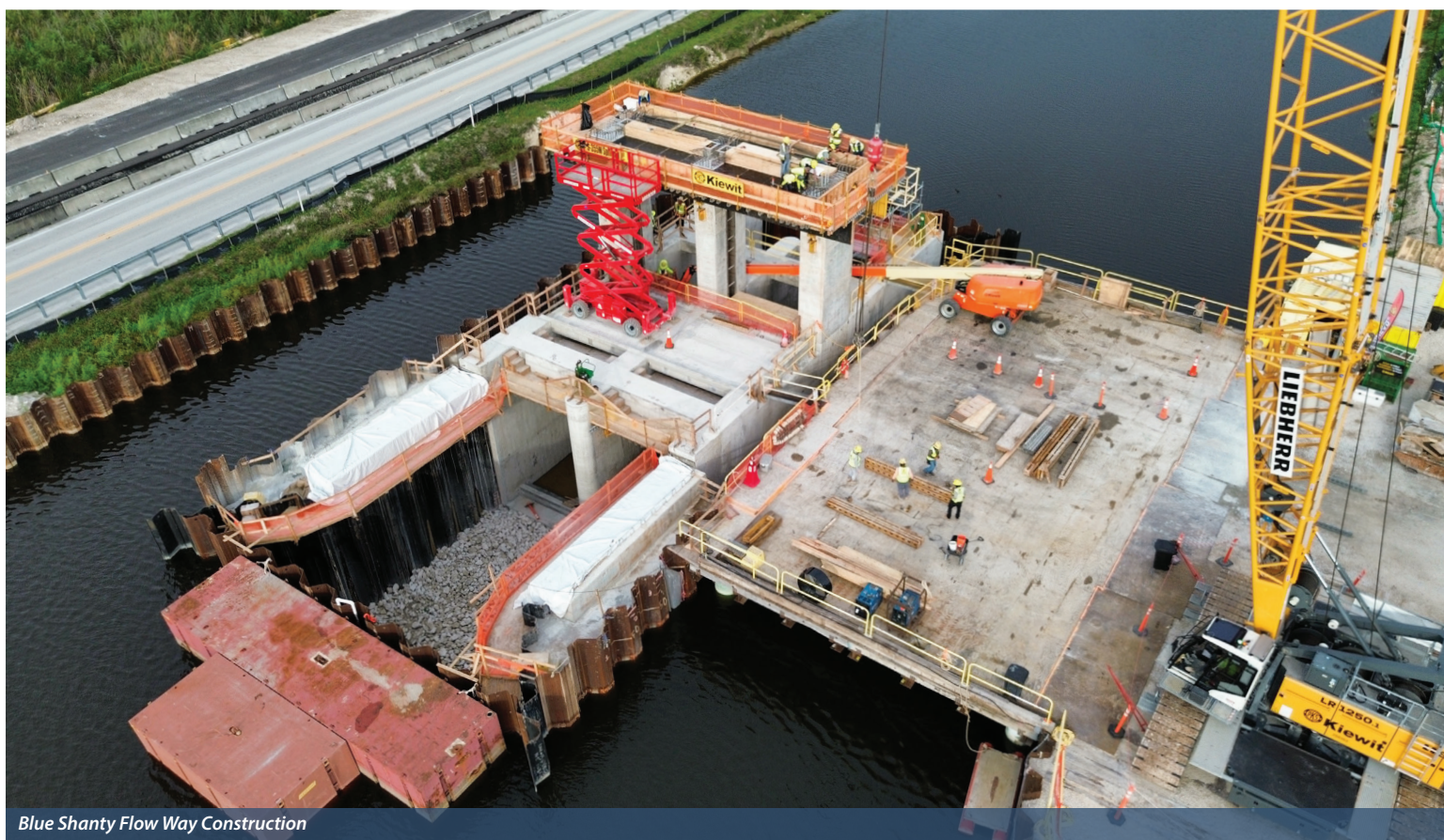




Flamingos at a Stormwater Treatment Area



Lake Okeechobee



Blue Shanty Flow Way Construction

Ron DeSantis, Governor

SFWMD Governing Board

Chauncey Goss, Chairman
Scott Wagner, Vice Chairman
Ron Bergeron Sr.
Ben Butler
Thomas Hurley
Charlie E. Martinez
Charlette Roman
Robert Spottswood, Jr.
Jay Steinle

Alexis A. Lambert, Secretary
Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

SFWMD Executive Management

Drew Bartlett, Executive Director
John Mitnik, Asst. Executive Director & Chief Engineer
Jennifer Smith, Chief of Staff
Lucine Dadrian, Engineering, Construction & Modeling Director
Sirena Davila, Regulation Director
Maricruz Fincher, General Counsel
Candida Heater, Administrative Services Director
Lisa Koehler, Big Cypress Basin Administrator
Dr. Carolina Maran, Flood Control & Water Supply Planning Director
Jill Margolius, Communications Director
Akin Owosina, Chief Information Officer
Libby Pigman, External Affairs Director
Jennifer Reynolds, Ecosystem Restoration Director
Rich Virgil, Field Operations Director

Get the latest information from SFWMD

Learn more by signing up for the District's emails.
Visit SFWMD.gov and click on "Subscribe for Email Updates."

Connect with us on Facebook, X, Instagram,
LinkedIn and YouTube.



3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
SFWMD.gov