

South Florida Water Management District

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Final Budget Submission

Pursuant to Section 373.536, Florida Statutes

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
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The Honorable Bill Galvano
President of the Senate
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The Honorable Jose R. Oliva
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Subject: South Florida Water Management District Final Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Dear Governor DeSantis, President Galvano, and Speaker Oliva:

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board respectfully submits the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 pursuant to Section 373.536, Florida Statutes. This Final Adopted Budget continues to support Governor DeSantis' Achieving More Now For Florida Environment Executive Order 19-12 to advance Everglades restoration and improve water quality in the Sunshine State.

With support from the Florida Legislature during the 2020 legislative session, the Final Adopted Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget of \$1.2 billion 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 missions for 8.7 million residents and tens of millions of visitors. The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Final 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:

- ***Restoration and Water Resource Protection by Safeguarding and Restoring South Florida's Delicate Ecosystem*** by expediting critical Everglades restoration projects and expanding the water quality monitoring network;
- ***Flood Protection by Protecting South Florida's Communities from Flooding, Ensuring and Management Water Flow*** by refurbishing, replacing,

improving, and managing the components of South Florida's primary water management system; and

- **Water Supply by Ensuring Water for South Florida's Communities** by meeting the water needs of the environment and preparing for current and future demands of water users.

The agency's work is accomplished with a combination of ad valorem property taxes, state appropriations, federal and local sources, reserve balances, permitting and other fees, investment earnings and privilege taxes. The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Final Adopted Budget contains more than **\$420 million** in new state revenues from the Florida Legislature's 2020 legislative session. This historic investment illustrates to the citizens of South Florida the dedication to make Everglades restoration a priority for the State of Florida.

Through strong oversight of operating costs, low administrative overhead and elimination of non-mission related projects, the District has ensured that its fiscal resources for Fiscal Year 2020-21 support its mission-critical functions.

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Highlights

The Governing Board has dedicated over **90 percent** of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Adopted Budget to the advancement of ecosystem restoration and water quality projects for South Florida and America's Everglades in addition to operations and maintenance one of the largest water management systems in the world.

The 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 maintains a special webpage at [SFWMD.gov/AchieveMoreNow](https://www.sfwmd.gov/AchieveMoreNow) where the public can monitor the progress of these important projects.

Some of the major highlights in Fiscal Year 2020-21 include:

- **Over \$519 million** to continue the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) for projects such as Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Conveyance Improvements and Stormwater Treatment Area (STA), Caloosahatchee C-43 Western Basin Storage Reservoir, Central Everglades Project, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Plan, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands;
- **Over \$87 million** for Northern Everglades & Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) including such projects as Dispersed Water Management, Expanded Monitoring, Lakeside Ranch Phase II, Brady Ranch, Grassy Island, Taylor Creek/Nubbin Slough/S191 Basin Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR), Lake Hicpochee Restoration and C-43 Boma;
- **Over \$98 million** for Restoration Strategies including such projects as Bolles Canal Hydrologic conveyance improvements construction; Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1-E Modifications, Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1 West Expansion 2, and the C-139 Flow Equalization Basin (FEB);

- **Over \$32 million** Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring to continue our great work towards monitoring clean water within our estuaries and waterbodies such as the expanded Northern Everglades Monitoring, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection plan including in-lake assessment projects & expanded monitoring, Biscayne and Florida Bay Assessments, Lake Worth Lagoon Monitoring, On-going C&SF project monitoring and assessment, Regional modeling and analysis, Regional Water Quality monitoring and assessment, CERP Recover and Adaptive Assessment and Monitoring, STA operations monitoring, Everglades research and evaluation;
- **Over \$22 million** of potential DEP grant funds for 9 water quality projects such as Pal Mar Complex Restoration, Lake Worth Lagoon Sediment Trap, Allapattah Flats Restoration – Parcel C, C-38 Reservoir Assisted Stormwater Treatment Area (RSTA), Innovative Water Treatment Demonstration, Non-CERP IRL-S C-23/C-24 Properties – Water Quality Restoration Complex, Four Corners Rapid Infiltration, Evans Ideal 1000, Spanish Creek Preserve Spoil Restoration
- **Over \$12 million** of potential grant funds with St. Johns Water Management for projects within the Indian River Lagoon
- **Over \$25 million** for regulation and enforcement of regulations protecting the public and water resources and enhancing public engagement
- **Over \$26.5 million** for C-139 Annex Wetland Restoration – Phase II; and
- **Over \$15 million** for Alternative Water Supply to continue a water supply and water resource development grant program through DEP to help communities plan for and implement conservation, reuse and other water supply and water resource development projects.

Additionally, significant investment of funding in support of South Florida's extensive flood protection system including \$237.3 million for the management of 4,310 miles of canals and levees, 785 water control structures & weirs, 621 smaller project culverts, 87 pump stations:

- **Over \$60 million** for required maintenance, refurbishment and repair of South Florida's flood protection system;
- **Over \$100 million** for ongoing operations and maintenance (including harmful exotic species control) of the Central and Southern Florida Project (C&SF), Big Cypress Basin, Recreational and Conservation Areas, and Storm Water Treatment Areas;
- **Over \$6.6 million** to continue investment towards getting Coastal Resiliency, Staff is applying for FEMA grants and reaching out to local partners to aid in funding some of our large capital needs such as S-29 which is estimated at \$68M; and
- **\$61 million** for hurricane/tropical weather impacts or unanticipated flood protection emergencies.

The Preliminary, Tentative, and Adopted Budgets are available on the District's website at www.sfwmd.gov/budget.

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 2020-21.

Thank you,



Drew Bartlett
Executive Director

Enclosure

CC:
SFWMD Governing Board
Secretary Noah Valenstein, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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County Governing Body Member

Pursuant to 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.

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SOURCE AND USE OF FUNDS, RESERVES AND WORKFORCE

ADOPTED BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2020-2021

	Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Tentative Budget)	Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Adopted Budget)
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 469,322,990	\$469,064,115
District Revenues	350,271,681	350,271,681
Local Revenues	529,200	529,200
State Revenues	512,204,579	548,916,440
Federal Revenues	9,395,931	9,395,931
SOURCE OF FUND TOTAL	\$1,341,724,381	\$1,378,177,367
USE OF FUNDS		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 152,609,346	\$152,609,346
Other Personal Services	200,046	200,046
Contracted Services	77,806,839	79,961,339
Operating Expenses	145,283,305	145,388,060
Operating Capital Outlay	68,202,988	68,248,488
Fixed Capital Outlay	625,649,889	646,549,889
Interagency Expenditures (Cooperative Funding)	25,300,087	41,243,487
Debt	30,354,252	30,354,252
Reserves - Emergency Response	61,255,337	61,255,337
USE OF FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,186,662,089	\$1,225,810,244
RESERVES (ESTIMATED)		
Nonspendable	\$ 21,245,017	\$21,009,425
Restricted	115,112,215	112,652,638
Committed	18,705,060	18,705,060
Assigned	-	-
Unassigned	-	-
TOTAL RESERVES	\$155,062,292	\$152,367,123
WORKFORCE		
Authorized Position (Full-Time Equivalents/FTE)	1,475	1,475
Contingent Worker (Independent Contractors)	-	-
Other Personal Services (OPS)	3	3
Intern	-	-
Volunteer	-	-
TOTAL WORKFORCE	1,478	1,478

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

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Fiscal Year 2020-2021

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021 Adopted Budget
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$68,435,538
1.1 - District Water Management Planning	35,693,226
1.1.1 Water Supply Planning	15,093,295
1.1.2 Minimum Flows and Levels	353,842
1.1.3 Other Water Resources Planning	20,246,089
1.2 - Research, Data Collection, Analysis and Monitoring	28,935,751
1.3 - Technical Assistance	223,614
1.4 - Other Water Resources Planning and Monitoring Activities	-
1.5 - Technology & Information Services	3,582,947
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$759,017,049
2.1 - Land Acquisition	-
2.2 - Water Source Development	16,403,996
2.2.1 Water Resource Development Projects	242,903
2.2.2 Water Supply Development Assistance	16,161,093
2.2.3 Other Water Source Development Activities	-
2.3 - Surface Water Projects	740,144,440
2.4 - Other Cooperative Projects	347,045
2.5 - Facilities Construction and Major Renovations	-
2.6 - Other Acquisition and Restoration Activities	-
2.7 - Technology & Information Service	2,121,568
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$334,875,293
3.1 - Land Management	34,425,809
3.2 - Works	237,292,237
3.3 - Facilities	5,248,936
3.4 - Invasive Plant Control	33,688,755
3.5 - Other Operation and Maintenance Activities	5,646,682
3.6 - Fleet Services	7,822,216
3.7 - Technology & Information Services	10,750,658
4.0 Regulation	\$22,298,386
4.1 - Consumptive Use Permitting	5,400,357
4.2 - Water Well Construction Permitting and Contractor Licensin	-
4.3 - Environmental Resource and Surface Water Permitting	9,340,982
4.4 - Other Regulatory and Enforcement Activities	4,605,811
4.5 - Technology & Information Service	2,951,236
5.0 Outreach	\$1,247,005
5.1 - Water Resource Education	-
5.2 - Public Information	1,242,505
5.3 - Public Relations	-
5.4 - Washington D.C. Representation	4,500
5.5 - Other Outreach Activities	-
5.6 - Technology & Information Service	-
SUBTOTAL - Major Programs (excluding Management and Administration)	\$1,185,873,271
6.0 District Management and Administration	\$39,936,973
6.1 - Administrative and Operations Support	33,173,091
6.1.1 - Executive Direction	866,815
6.1.2 - General Counsel / Legal	3,367,901
6.1.3 - Inspector General	850,667
6.1.4 - Administrative Support	11,749,249
6.1.5 - Fleet Services	2,128,634
6.1.6 - Procurement / Contract Administration	1,717,525
6.1.7 - Human Resources	427,740
6.1.8 - Communications	12,064,560
6.1.9 - Technology & Information Services	-
6.2 - Computer/Computer Support	-
6.3 - Reserves	-
6.4 - Other - (Tax Collector / Property Appraiser Fees)	6,763,882
TOTAL	\$1,225,810,244

PROGRAMS WITH EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	Work Force	FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021 Adopted Budget
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring		\$68,435,538
Salaries and Benefits	229	24,961,552
Other Personal Services	1	136,580
Contracted Services		5,517,646
Operating Expenses		15,226,312
Operating Capital Outlay		358,638
Fixed Capital Outlay		2,560,132
Interagency Expenditures		19,674,678
Debt		-
Reserves		-
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works		\$759,017,049
Salaries and Benefits	165	19,118,986
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		57,631,281
Operating Expenses		4,897,986
Operating Capital Outlay		23,765,996
Fixed Capital Outlay		602,295,191
Interagency Expenditures		20,953,357
Debt		30,354,252
Reserves		-
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works		\$334,875,293
Salaries and Benefits	746	71,822,728
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		12,935,328
Operating Expenses		105,177,752
Operating Capital Outlay		41,374,130
Fixed Capital Outlay		41,694,566
Interagency Expenditures		615,452
Debt		-
Reserves		61,255,337
4.0 Regulation		\$22,298,386
Salaries and Benefits	163	16,704,145
Other Personal Services	2	63,466
Contracted Services		269,332
Operating Expenses		5,261,443
Operating Capital Outlay		-
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
5.0 Outreach		\$1,247,005
Salaries and Benefits	10	1,188,110
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		6,880
Operating Expenses		52,015
Operating Capital Outlay		-
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
6.0 District Management and Administration		\$39,936,973
Salaries and Benefits	162	18,813,825
Other Personal Services	-	-
Contracted Services		3,600,872
Operating Expenses		14,772,552
Operating Capital Outlay		2,749,724
Fixed Capital Outlay		-
Interagency Expenditures		-
Debt		-
Reserves		-
ALL PROGRAMS	1,478	\$1,225,810,244
Salaries and Benefits	1,475	152,609,346
Other Personal Services	3	200,046
Contracted Services		79,961,339
Operating Expenses		145,388,060
Operating Capital Outlay		68,248,488
Fixed Capital Outlay		646,549,889
Interagency Expenditures		41,243,487
Debt		30,354,252
Reserves		61,255,337