**SEPTEMBER 2020** 



The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources in 16 counties – from Orlando to the Florida Keys.

With a population of 8.7 million, this region covers 17,930 square miles (31 percent of the entire state) and includes vast areas of agricultural lands, water conservation areas and urban development.

### **OUR 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

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# SFWMD 2020-2021 Budget

Quick Facts on the Oct. 1, 2020-Sept. 30, 2021 Fiscal Year Budget

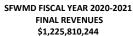


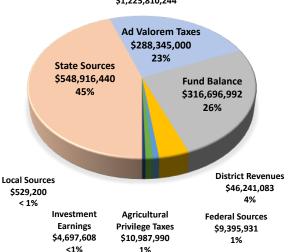
The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved budget is \$1.23 billion for the 2020-20201 Fiscal Year. The agency's budget is developed annually through a public process.

#### **Budget Highlights**

- More than \$519 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 Storage Reservoir, CEPP, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Plan, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands
- More than \$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;
- More than \$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, 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
- More than \$12 million of grants with St. Johns Water Management for projects in the Indian River Lagoon
- More than \$98 million for Restoration Strategies including such projects to continue construction of the Bolles Canal Hydrologic conveyance improvements construction; Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1-E Modifications, and start construction of the final phases of the Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1 West Expansion 2, and the C-139 Flow Equalization Basin (FEB);

### SFWMD Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Revenues





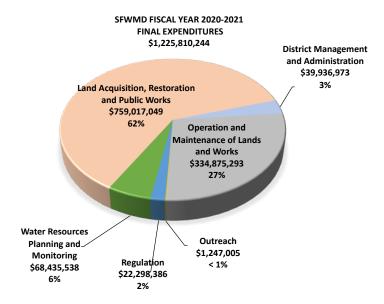
- More than \$32 million Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring to
  continue our great work towards monitoring clean water within our estuaries
  and waterbodies such as the expanded Northern Everglades Monitoring, Lake
  Okeechobee Watershed Protection plan including in-lake assessment projects
  & 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; and
- More than \$15 million of potential DEP grant funds to continue the support
  from the Governors \$40M appropriated 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:

- More than \$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

### SFWMD Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Expenditures



Cypress Basin and Storm Water Treatment Areas

- Over \$6.6M 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.
- \$61 million for hurricane/tropical weather impacts or unanticipated flood protection emergencies.
- \$25.4 million for regulation and enforcement of regulations protecting the public and water resources and enhancing public engagement
- \$51 million to continue to attract and develop SFWMD's award-winning staff of scientists, engineers, and countless other water management professionals

#### **Revenue Sources and Adopted Millage Rates**

• The annual budget is funded by a combination of ad valorem (property) taxes and other revenues such as state appropriations, federal and local sources, fees, investment earnings and agricultural privilege taxes

For the tenth year in a row, the SFWMD Governing Board has not raised its property tax rate.

• The millage rate for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year represents \$26.75 per \$100,000 of taxable value in 15 of the District's 16 counties (Okeechobee Basin).



