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### SFWMD

• Headquartered in West Palm Beach, 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 residents, 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

# SFWMD 2019-2020 Budget

Quick Facts on the Oct. 1, 2019-Sept. 30, 2020 Fiscal Year Budget

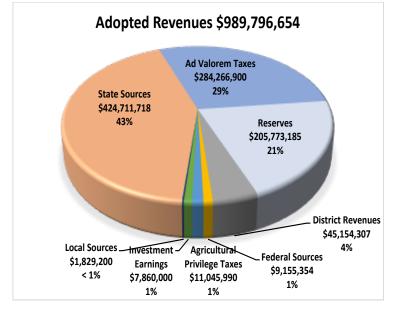


The South Florida Water Management DIstrict Governing Board approved budget is \$989.8 million for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. The agency's budget is developed annually through a public process.

### **Budget Highlights**

- \$550 million to restore Florida's Everglades, furthering the District's mission to restore and protect ecosystems and water recources and expediting the completion of priority projects identified by Gov. Ron DeSantis to restore the Everglades including:
  - \$400 million for Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects
  - \$52 million for restoring the Northern Everglades
  - \$51 million for Restoration Strategies and Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs)
- \$285 million to provide flood protection, manage conservation lands and control invasive plants and animals including:
  - \$225 million to operate and maintain 4,300 miles of canals and levees, 778 water control structures and weirs, 621 smaller project culverts and 84 pumps stations as part of the regional flood protection system and increasing investment in coastal resiliency
  - \$30 million to combat invasive plants and animals including doubling the size of the Python Elimination Program
    - \$30 million to manage over 400,000 acres on publicly-owned conservation lands

# SFWMD Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Adopted Revenues



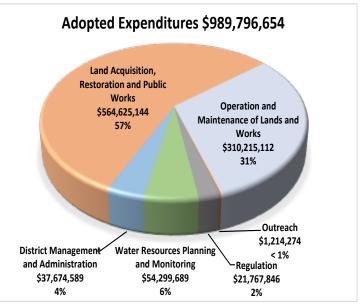
#### Budget Highlights (Continued)

- \$50 million for increased science and monitoring for water quality and water management including, increased monitoring efforts and pollution control programs and projects to address the issue of harmful algal blooms
- \$25 million for regulation and enforcement of regulations protecting the public and water resources and enhancing public engagement
- \$45 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

## SFWMD Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Adopted Expenditures



- For the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year:
  - \$284.3 million is provided by property taxes
  - \$424.7 million is provided by state sources
  - \$205.8 million is from accumulated reserves
  - \$64.1 million is from District revenues, investment earnings and agricultural privilege taxes
  - \$9.2 million is from federal sources
- For the ninth year in a row, the SFWMD Governing Board has not raised its property tax rates
- The millage rate for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year represents \$27.95 per \$100,000 of taxable value in 15 of the District's 16 counties (Okeechobee Basin)
- In Collier County and a small portion of mainland Monroe County (Big Cypress Basin), the tax rate represents \$23.44 per \$100,000 of taxable value



