



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.

## 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

Ron DeSantis, Governor

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# SFWMD 2024-2025 Budget

Quick Facts on the Oct. 1, 2024-Sept. 30, 2025 Fiscal Year Budget



## CORE MISSIONS

Restoration and Water Resource Resilience by Safeguarding and Restoring South Florida's Delicate Ecosystem by expediting 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, adapting, and managing the components of South Florida's primary water management system;

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; and

Public Engagement & Administration by Delivering Efficient and Cost-Effective Services on Behalf of South Florida Citizens.

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board's Adopted Budget is \$1.63 billion for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. The budget continues to support Governor Ron DeSantis' *Achieving Even More Now for Florida's Environment Executive Order 23-06* to advance Everglades restoration, water resource resilience, and improve water quality.

## Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Highlights

The Governing Board has dedicated over **92 percent** of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget to the advancement of ecosystem restoration and water quality projects for South Florida and America's Everglades in addition to the operations, maintenance, and upgrade of critical flood control infrastructure.

**More than \$830 million** to continue Everglades and ecosystem restoration progress:

- ◆ **Over \$700 million** to continue the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) for projects such as the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project's Conveyance Improvements, Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) and Reservoir Pump Station, Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir, Central Everglades Planning Projects, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project and Indian River Lagoon-South Project;
- ◆ **Over \$134 million** for Northern Everglades & Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) including such projects as Dispersed Water Storage and Nutrient Reduction Projects, Expanded Water Quality Monitoring, Grassy Island, Lake Hicpochee Restoration, Boma FEB, C-43 Water Quality Treatment and Testing Facility, and Water Quality and Innovative Technology Grant requests;



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## Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Highlights (continued)

**More than \$600 million** significant investment of funding in support of South Florida's extensive critical flood control and water infrastructure resilience system including:

- ◆ **Over \$136 million** for Operations and Maintenance Capital Rehabilitation, Refurbishment, and Replacement of the 60+ year old critical flood control infrastructure that serves South Florida; and in support of making South Florida's water management system more resilient;
- ◆ **Over \$153 million** for necessary investments to address loss of flood protection due to sea level rise and ensure resiliency in flood control, water supply, water quality and the environment for the future that includes \$100 million in federal FEMA BRIC grant awards;
- ◆ **Over \$200 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 Stormwater Treatment Areas; and
- ◆ **\$58.9 million** for hurricane/tropical weather impacts or unanticipated flood protection emergencies.

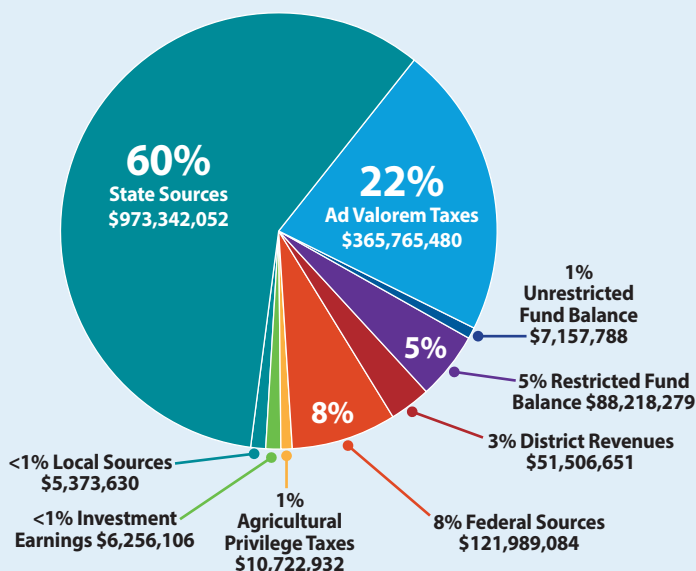
## Additional Highlights

- ◆ **More than \$68 million** for conservation and land stewardship; Acting as good stewards for more than one million acres of public lands; Battling invasive plants and animals.
- ◆ **More than \$22 million** for Big Cypress Basin flood control operations, maintenance, capital improvement projects, and land stewardship.
- ◆ **More than \$26 million** for regulation and public engagement efforts: Enhanced environmental enforcement; Efforts to further expand public engagement and transparency.
- ◆ **More than \$57 million** for science, monitoring and water supply projects: Expand water quality monitoring in the Everglades and in several critical estuaries and watersheds; Support for numerous alternative water supply projects with local partners through DEP to help communities plan for and implement conservation, reuse and other water supply and water resource development projects and watershed protection planning.

## 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.
- The millage rate for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year represents \$23.01 annually per \$100,000 of taxable value in 15 of the District's 16 counties (Okeechobee Basin).
- The millage rate for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year represents \$19.26 annually per \$100,000 of taxable value in Collier and mainland Monroe counties (Big Cypress Basin).

### SFWMD FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ADOPTED REVENUE REVENUES \$1,630,332,002



### SFWMD FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ADOPTED EXPENDITURES EXPENDITURES \$1,630,332,002

