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This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in South Florida.

Big Cypress Basin

2017-2018 Budget Highlights

Overview

- The South Florida Water Management District's 2017-2018 Big Cypress Basin budget of approximately **\$17.5 million** provides the District's critical missions of flood control, ensuring water supply and restoring natural areas for 153 miles of canals and 45 water control structures that encompass Collier and parts of Monroe counties.

Operating Expenditures

- About **\$6.3 million** in operating expenses that include maintaining the flood control system and managing public lands including:
 - **\$3.3 million** for flood control operations, including increased funding to remove trees and vegetation from canal right of ways to ensure flood protection after storms.
 - **\$337,000** to replace fleet vehicles and field equipment needed to maintain the BCB system.

Capital Expenditures

- The budget allocates **\$6.6 million** for capital projects including:
 - **\$4 million** to replace the Golden Gate Weir #4 to improve flood control in the Golden Gate Estates community.
 - **\$2.2 million** to retrofit the Curry Culvert to improve water supply.

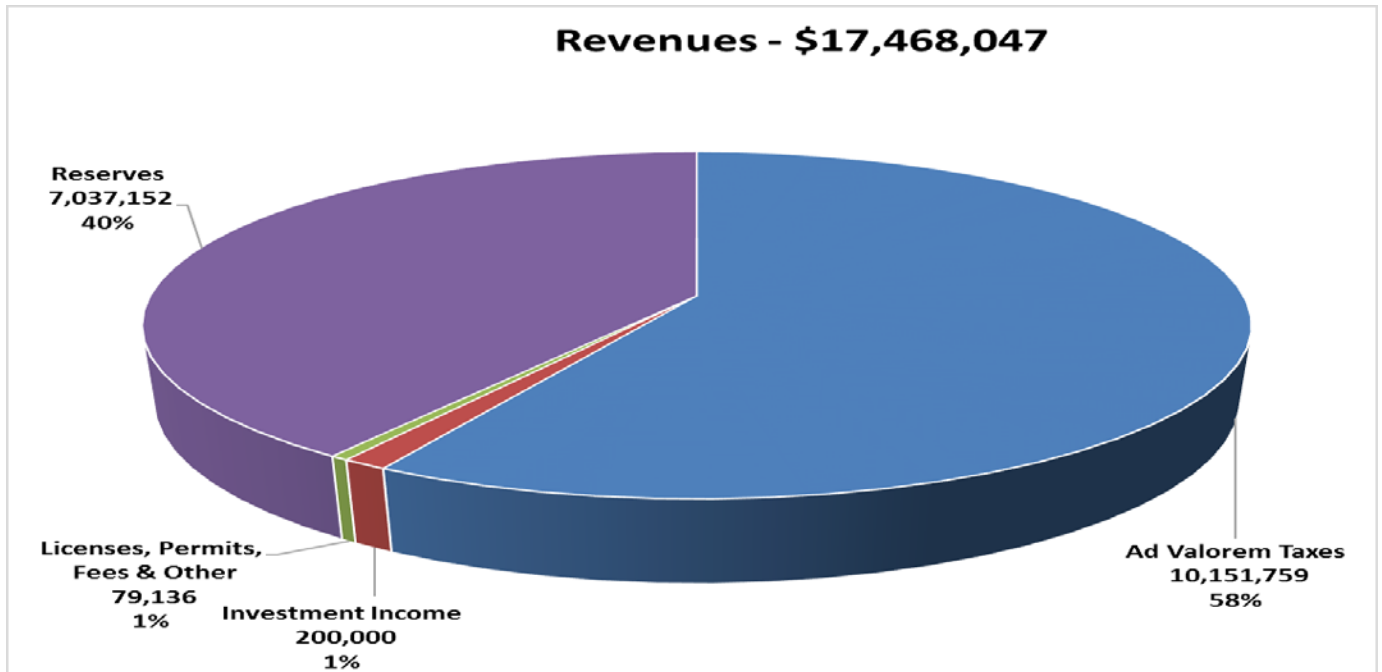
Partnerships with other government agencies

The budget also dedicated about \$2.6 million to fund partnerships with other government agencies in Collier County that will improve flood control, water supply and water quality:

- **\$1.6 million** for a project with Collier County and the City of Naples to replace septic systems and improve the stormwater runoff system which flows into Naples Bay, which will improve the water quality of the bay.
- **\$200,000** for a project with Collier County that adds a new weir to the Lely Branch canal.
- **\$65,000** for water quality monitoring.



2017-2018 Big Cypress Basin Budget = \$17.5 million
Where the money comes from



Where the money goes

