Overview
The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved budget is $813.9 million for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. The agency’s budget is developed annually through a public process, including review and approval by the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission.

Budget Highlights
- Approximately 86 percent of the 2018-2019 budget is dedicated to support flood control, operations and maintenance of lands and advancing ecosystem restoration goals.
- The 2018-2019 budget dedicates more than $36 million to implementing the next phases of the Governor’s $880 million Restoration Strategies plan to improve Everglades water quality.
  - $10 million for Bolles Canal conveyance improvements construction;
  - $10 million to continue STA-5 Earthwork Improvements;
  - $7 million to design and start construction on Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1 West Expansion 2;
  - $6 million for C-139 Flow Equalization Basins (FEB) to start design; and
  - $3 million to continue implementation of the Science Plan to monitor and improve the water-cleansing performance of the STAs.
- Over $250 million to continue the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) for projects such as C-43 Reservoir, Old Tamiami Trail Removal, increasing the capacity of S-333, planning of future CERP projects and Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project;
- Over $100 million for ongoing operations and maintenance and exotic control of the Central and Southern Florida Project (C&SF), Big Cypress Basin and Stormwater Treatment Areas;
- Over $80 million for Northern Everglades & Estuaries including such projects as Dispersed Water Management, Lakeside Ranch and Estuary Protection measures; and
- $62 million for continued refurbishment of South Florida’s flood control system.

Revenue Sources & 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 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, $277.3 million is provided by property taxes, $337.1 million is provided by state sources and $127.8 million is from accumulated reserves. For the eighth year in a row, the SFWMD Governing Board has not raised its property tax rate.
- The millage rates for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 represent $29.36 per $100,000 of taxable value in 15 of the District’s 16 counties (Okeechobee Basin). In Collier County and mainland Monroe County (Big Cypress Basin), the tax rates represent $24.40 per $100,000 of taxable value.
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Where the money comes from

- **State Sources**: $337,113,253 (41%)
- **Ad Valorem Taxes**: $277,317,500 (34%)
- **Agricultural Privilege Taxes**: $11,045,990 (1%)
- **Federal Sources**: $9,622,745 (1%)
- **Local Sources**: $379,200 (<1%)
- **Investment Earnings**: $6,100,000
- **District Revenues**: $44,487,124 (6%)
- **Reserves Without Restriction**: $20,765,827 (3%)
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Where the money goes

- **Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works**: $283,437,024 (35%)
- **Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works**: $417,023,428 (51%)
- **Regulation**: $22,067,874 (3%)
- **Outreach**: $1,125,455 (<1%)
- **District Management and Administration**: $37,098,701 (5%)
- **Water Resources Planning and Monitoring**: $53,144,571 (6%)