

SFWMD 2022-2023 Budget

Quick Facts on the Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023 Fiscal Year Budget

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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The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board's final approved budget is \$1.23 billion for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The final budget continues to support Governor Ron DeSantis' *Achieving More Now for Florida's Environment Executive Order 19-12* to advance Everglades Restoration and improve water quality.

### **Budget Highlights**

More than \$600 million to continue Everglades and ecosystem restoration progress.

- Completing the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project's Stormwater Treatment Area
- Building components of the Central Everglades Planning Project
- Continuing to work on the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project
- Constructing the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project
- Continuing to make progress on the Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir Project

**More than \$255 million** to upgrade and maintain water management infrastructure that makes up the regional flood protection system.

- \$58 million for refurbishments of the flood protection system
- Over \$61 million for hurricane/tropical weather impacts or unanticipated flood protection emergencies

More than \$82 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
- Watershed protection planning
- Python research



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### **Budget Highlights (continued)**

**More than \$115 million** to address sea level rise and climate change impacts.

 Ensure the continued and future resiliency of the flood protection and water supply systems

More than \$61 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 \$14.5 million** for flood control operations, maintenance and land stewardship.

- Partnerships with local governments
- Capital improvement projects for the Big Cypress Basin

**More than \$23 million** for regulation and public engagement efforts.

- Enhanced environmental enforcement
- Efforts to further expand public engagement and transparency in all water management decisions

**\$57 million** to continue to attract and develop SFWMD's award-winning staff.

Scientists, engineers, and 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.
- The millage rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year represents \$23.01 per \$100,000 of taxable value in 15 of the District's 16 counties (Okeechobee Basin).
- The millage rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year represents \$19.26 per \$100,000 of taxable value in Collier and Mainland Monroe counties (Big Cypress Basin).

