

Fiscal Year 2010

Budget in Brief

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Message From the Chair

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's (District) FY2010 budget is designed in the public interest to live within its means and meet statutory mandates and priorities, on a pay-as-you-go basis without incurring bonded debt, at a time of declining ad valorem and state tax dollars in this recessionary economic climate. The FY2010 budget is \$298.9 million, \$77.6 million (20.6 percent) less than the FY2009 budget of \$376.5 million. The decrease primarily relates to the \$28.2 million reduction in ad valorem revenue, \$31.3 million reduction in state funding, \$7.8 million reduction in balances available from prior years, and \$6.5 million reduction in interfund transfers for the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program Fund.

The Governing and Basin Boards have adopted final millage rates for FY2010 that are equal to the rates adopted for FY2009, with two exceptions. First, the newly merged Hillsborough River Basin Board has adopted the lower of the two FY2009 millage rates for FY2010, which was the Northwest Hillsborough Basin's millage rate of 0.2421. Second, the Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board lowered its millage rate from 0.3600 mill for FY2009 to 0.3200 mill for FY2010. The FY2010 budget includes ad valorem revenue of \$188 million, which is \$28.2 million, or 13 percent, less than FY2009. This follows the \$21.4 million reduction in ad valorem revenue for FY2009.

The budget will enable the District to invest \$127.7 million, or 43 percent, of the budget through its Water Supply and Resource Development (WSRD) and cooperative funding programs. The WSRD and cooperative funding program dollars will be leveraged through public and private partnerships of \$119 million, for a potential investment of more than \$246 million in sustainable alternative water supply development and other water resource management projects. The Governing and Basin Boards collectively have determined that they must stay the financial course (i.e., Long-Range Funding Plan through 2030) in order to meet the long-term Districtwide regional water supply and water resource development needs.

The District will outsource \$62.4 million in FY2010 (21 percent of the budget). This planned direct outsourcing when combined with the District's funding through WRSD and cooperative funding programs, which is substantially outsourced by the District's public and private partners, will result in an estimated \$178.1 million. This equates to 60 percent of the District's budget outsourced to and directly benefiting private industry.

The number of full-time, Board-authorized positions has decreased by three since the early 1990s. No regular staffing reductions or increases were proposed for FY2010; however, executive staff continues to review staffing options and reallocate positions to meet District program priorities. No merit or cost-of-living salary increases are budgeted for FY2010.

The FY2010 budget reflects the District's goal of providing cost-effective quality services on a pay-as-you-go basis while protecting and enhancing the public's water resources. All budgeted projects and programs are dedicated to meeting the District's water management goals and strategic initiatives. The budget includes dedicated funding for the projects outlined in the Regional Water Supply Plan to ensure sustainable water supplies and a protected environment for future generations of southwest Floridians.



Todd Pressman
Governing Board Chair

How the District Is Funded

FY2010 Budget	Revenues (in millions)	% of Total
Ad Valorem Tax Revenue*	\$188.0	62.8%
Property tax levied on the taxable value of real and personal property as certified by the property appraiser in each county.		
Balance From Prior Years	\$56.5	18.9%
Unexpended funds carried forward from the previous fiscal year(s).		
State Funding	\$39.7	13.3%
Funds provided by the State of Florida. The major sources of revenue are from the Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Forever Trust Fund (prior year funds), Water Management Lands Trust Fund (prior year funds), State Appropriation-West-Central Florida Water Restoration Action Plan (prior year funds), Department of Transportation and Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.		
Federal Funding	\$1.7	0.6%
Funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.		
Other Funding	\$13.0	4.4%
Various funding sources such as local county/city governments, permit fees, interest earnings on investments and miscellaneous revenue.		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$298.9	100%

* With limits set by the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes, both the District and the basins are authorized to tax up to one-half of a mill to fund their projects. This means that if the District and each Basin Board levied the maximum allowed, a property owner would pay a maximum of \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed taxable property value.

(Historically, the actual rates levied have been less than the maximums allowed.)

0.5 mill	+	0.5 mill	=	1.0 mill or \$1.00
Governing Board		Basin Boards		Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value
<i>Maximum Allowed</i>		<i>Maximum Allowed</i>		<i>Maximum Allowed</i>

How the District Allocates Resources

FY2010 Budget	Expenditures (in millions)	% of Total
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Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$42.0	14.0%
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Includes all water management planning, including water supply planning, development of minimum flows and levels, and other water resource planning; research, data collection, analysis and monitoring; and technical assistance (including local/regional plan and program review).

Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$158.0	52.8%
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Includes the development and construction of all capital projects, including water resource development projects/water supply development assistance, water control projects, support and administrative facilities construction, land acquisition, and the restoration of lands and water bodies.

Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$17.2	5.8%
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Includes all operation and maintenance of facilities, flood control and water supply structures, lands and other works authorized by Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.

Regulation	\$21.8	7.3%
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Includes water use permitting, water well construction permitting, water well contractor licensing, environmental resource/surface water management permitting, permit administration/enforcement and any delegated regulatory program.

Outreach	\$6.5	2.2%
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Includes all environmental education activities, such as water conservation campaigns and water resources education; public information activities; and all lobbying activities relating to local, regional, state and federal governmental affairs.

District Management and Administration	\$53.4	17.9%
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Includes all administrative and operations support (\$20.1M or 6.7%), information systems (\$17.0M or 5.7%), unrestricted reserves and contingencies (\$10.3M or 3.5%), and commissions to county tax collectors and property appraisers (\$6.0M or 2.0%).

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$298.9	100%
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Budget Highlights

Millage Rates	FY2009	FY2010
Districtwide	0.3866	0.3866
Special Revenue Funds		
Alafia River Basin	0.2163	0.2163
Coastal Rivers Basin	0.1885	0.1885
Hillsborough River Basin ¹	0.2547	0.2421
Manasota Basin	0.1484	0.1484
Northwest Hillsborough Basin ¹	0.2421	-
Peace River Basin	0.1827	0.1827
Pinellas-Anclote River Basin	0.3600	0.3200
Withlacoochee River Basin	0.2308	0.2308
Summary Budget	FY2009	FY2010
General Fund	\$180,006,896	\$152,825,395
Special Revenue Funds		
Alafia River Basin	\$8,705,445	\$7,164,979
Coastal Rivers Basin	9,559,418	8,086,164
Hillsborough River Basin ¹	20,343,824	25,263,750
Manasota Basin	23,973,594	15,735,549
Northwest Hillsborough Basin ¹	10,937,125	-
Peace River Basin	17,310,392	11,307,353
Pinellas-Anclote River Basin	46,629,429	38,249,054
Withlacoochee River Basin	12,642,261	8,356,616
Subtotal Basin Funds	<u>\$150,101,488</u>	<u>\$114,163,465</u>
FDOT Mitigation	\$2,394,741	\$3,514,859
SWIM ²	<u>13,870,255</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	\$166,366,484	\$117,678,324
Capital Projects Funds		
Facilities Fund	\$1,709,285	\$2,319,285
Florida Forever/SOR	<u>28,406,725</u>	<u>26,064,493</u>
Total Capital Projects Funds	\$30,116,010	\$28,383,778
Total Combined Budget	<u>\$376,489,390</u>	<u>\$298,887,497</u>

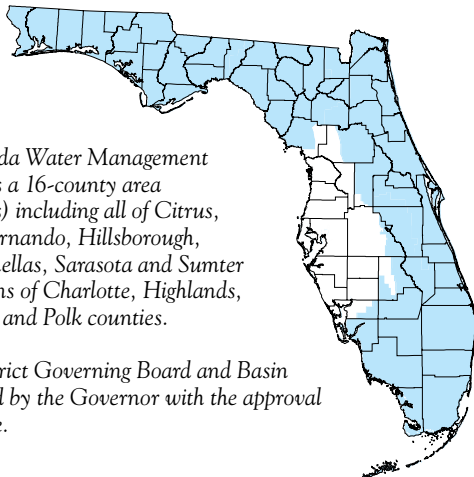
¹ Effective January 1, 2009, the Hillsborough River and Northwest Hillsborough basins merged. The newly merged basin is known as the Hillsborough River Basin.

² Effective for FY2010, the SWIM Program is budgeted as part of the Special Revenue Funds for the seven basins.

Mission

The mission of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) is to manage water and related natural resources to ensure their continued availability while maximizing environmental, economic and recreational benefits. Central to the mission is maintaining the balance between the water needs of current and future users while protecting and maintaining water and related natural resources which provide the District with its existing and future water supply.

The Governing Board of the District assumes its responsibilities as authorized in Chapter 373 and other chapters of the Florida Statutes by directing a wide range of programs, initiatives and actions. These include, but are not limited to, flood protection, water use, well construction and environmental resource permitting, water conservation, education, land acquisition, water resource and supply development, and supportive data collection and analysis efforts.



The Southwest Florida Water Management District encompasses a 16-county area (10,000 square miles) including all of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota and Sumter counties, and portions of Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Levy, Marion and Polk counties.

Members of the District Governing Board and Basin Boards are appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Florida Senate.

For a full copy of the *Budget in Brief* document, please visit the District's web site at WaterMatters.org.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) does not discriminate on the basis of disability. This nondiscrimination policy involves every aspect of the District's functions, including access to and participation in the District's programs and activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the District's Human Resources Director, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD 1-800-231-6103 (FL only); or email ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org.