

Fiscal Year 2011

# Budget-in-Brief

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# Message From the Chair

On behalf of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) Governing Board, enclosed is the District's adopted budget for fiscal year (FY) 2011, which begins on October 1, 2010, and ends on September 30, 2011.

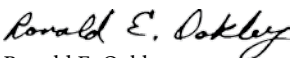
The District's FY2011 budget is \$279.8 million, \$19.1 million (6.4 percent) less than the FY2010 budget of \$298.9 million. The decrease primarily relates to a \$27.1 million reduction in ad valorem revenue, \$7.8 million reduction in state funding, \$1.3 million reduction in federal revenue, \$1.3 million reduction in anticipated interest earnings on investments, and \$700,000 reduction in anticipated permit fees. The impact of these reductions in revenue is lessened by an additional \$19.3 million in balances available from prior years, due primarily to the cancellation of cooperative funding projects by local governments related to current economic conditions.

The Governing Board and Basin Boards have adopted final millage rates for FY2011. The Governing Board lowered the Districtwide General Fund millage rate for FY2011 from 0.3866 mill to 0.3770 mill. Five of the seven Basin Boards adopted FY2011 millage rates equal to the FY2010 levels. The Hillsborough River Basin Board adopted a millage rate of 0.2300 mill, lowered from 0.2421 mill for FY2010. The Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board adopted a millage rate of 0.2600 mill, lowered from 0.3200 mill for FY2010. The FY2011 budget includes ad valorem revenue of \$160.9 million, which is \$27.1 million, or 14.4 percent lower, than FY2010. This follows a \$28.2 million reduction in FY2010 and a \$21.4 million reduction in FY2009.

In FY2011 the District has allocated \$85.6 million, or 30.6 percent of the budget, for outsourcing. When combined with the District's funding for its cooperative funding and water supply and resource development programs (which are substantially outsourced by the cooperators and benefit private industry), the outsourcing total increases to \$164.2 million, or 58.7 percent of the budget, for FY2011.

The number of full-time, Board-authorized regular positions has decreased by three since the early 1990s, and is unchanged for FY2011. The District has eliminated 17 temporary employee full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and 24 contract-based temporary FTE positions, for a total of 41 temporary positions since FY2010, valued annually at \$2.2 million. The District will continue efforts in this direction. 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 the third consecutive year.

The FY2011 budget reflects the District's goal of providing cost-effective quality services on a pay-as-you-go basis without incurring debt while protecting and enhancing the public's water resources. All budgeted projects and programs are dedicated to making significant progress in accomplishing the essential highest priority service and project goals core to the mission of the District.

  
Ronald E. Oakley  
Governing Board Chair

# How the District Is Funded

FY2011 Budget	Revenues (in millions)	% of Total
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<b>Ad Valorem Tax Revenue*</b>	<b>\$160.9</b>	<b>57.5%</b>
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Property taxes levied on the taxable value of real and personal property as certified by the property appraiser in each county.

<b>Balance From Prior Years</b>	<b>\$75.8</b>	<b>27.1%</b>
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Unexpended funds carried forward from the previous fiscal year(s). The amount available for FY2011 is \$19.3 million greater than for FY2010 due to the cancellation of cooperative funding projects by local governments related to current economic conditions.

<b>State Funding</b>	<b>\$31.9</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
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Funds provided by the state of Florida. The major sources of state revenues are the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Forever Trust Fund (new and prior year funds), Water Management Lands Trust Fund (prior year funds), Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund (prior year funds), State Appropriation — West-Central Florida Water Restoration Action Plan (prior year funds) and Florida Department of Transportation.

<b>Federal Funding</b>	<b>\$0.4</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
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Funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Geological Survey.

<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>\$10.8</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
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Various funding sources such as local county/city governments, permit fees, interest earnings on investments and miscellaneous revenue.

<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$279.8</b>	<b>100%</b>
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\* 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.)*

<b>0.5 mill</b>	+	<b>0.5 mill</b>	=	<b>1.0 mill or \$1.00</b>
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

<b>FY2011 Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures (in millions)</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
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<b>Water Resources Planning and Monitoring</b>	<b>\$43.1</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
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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).

<b>Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works</b>	<b>\$139.1</b>	<b>49.7%</b>
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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.

<b>Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works</b>	<b>\$18.4</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
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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.

<b>Regulation</b>	<b>\$19.7</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
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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.

<b>Outreach</b>	<b>\$6.3</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
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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.

<b>District Management and Administration</b>	<b>\$53.2</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
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Includes all administrative and operations support (\$20.1M), information systems (\$17.0M), unrestricted reserves for contingencies (\$10.8M), and commissions to county tax collectors and property appraisers (\$5.3M).

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$279.8</b>	<b>100%</b>
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## Budget Highlights

<b>Millage Rates</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
<b>Districtwide</b>	<b>0.3866</b>	<b>0.3770</b>
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>		
Alafia River Basin	0.2163	0.2163
Coastal Rivers Basin	0.1885	0.1885
Hillsborough River Basin	0.2421	0.2300
Manasota Basin	0.1484	0.1484
Peace River Basin	0.1827	0.1827
Pinellas-Anclote River Basin	0.3200	0.2600
Withlacoochee River Basin	0.2308	0.2308
<b>Summary Budget</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$152,825,395</b>	<b>\$131,852,163</b>
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>		
Alafia River Basin	\$7,164,979	\$6,314,985
Coastal Rivers Basin	8,086,164	6,188,791
Hillsborough River Basin	25,263,750	46,541,919
Manasota Basin	15,735,549	16,246,877
Peace River Basin	11,307,353	12,459,277
Pinellas-Anclote River Basin	38,249,054	27,548,615
Withlacoochee River Basin	8,356,616	6,858,998
Subtotal Basin Funds	<u>\$114,163,465</u>	<u>\$122,159,462</u>
FDOT Mitigation	<u>\$3,514,859</u>	<u>\$3,990,685</u>
<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>\$117,678,324</b>	<b>\$126,150,147</b>
<b>Capital Projects Funds</b>		
Facilities Fund	\$2,319,285	\$2,794,285
Florida Forever	26,064,493	19,010,768
<b>Total Capital Projects Funds</b>	<b>\$28,383,778</b>	<b>\$21,805,053</b>
<b>Total Combined Budget</b>	<b><u>\$298,887,497</u></b>	<b><u>\$279,807,363</u></b>

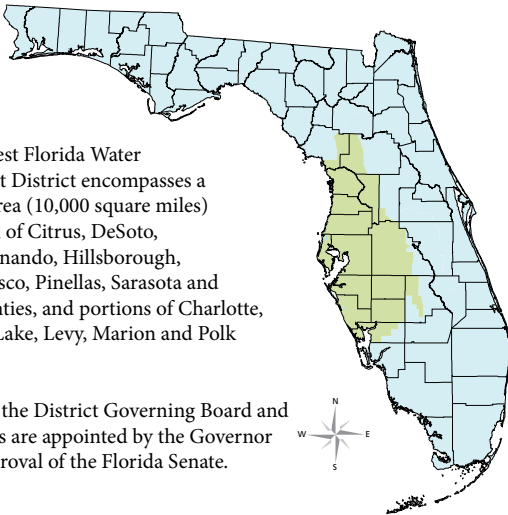
## Mission

*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](http://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](mailto:ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org).