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# Final Annual Service Budget

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October 6, 2023

**Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Millage Rate and Final Annual Service Budget**

Dear Citizens:

On behalf of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board, I am pleased to present the District's adopted budget for fiscal year (FY) 2024, which runs from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The Final Annual Service Budget report has been prepared pursuant to section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

The FY2024 budget emphasizes commitment to protecting water resources, minimizing flood risks, and meeting the public's water needs in our four areas of responsibility: water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems. The budget meets Governing Board priorities, outlines how the District will achieve its Five-Year Strategic Plan, and complies with legislative directives and furthering the Governor's priorities for Florida's environment in support of projects to restore springs, reduce pollution, and develop alternative water supplies (AWS). Additionally, the FY2024 budget communicates the long-term funding plan, which aligns the District's vision, mission and goals with prudent allocation of fiscal resources and project reserves, demonstrating the District's continued investment in water resources and ongoing commitment to economic growth.

On September 26, 2023, the District's Governing Board adopted a final millage, the rolled-back rate of 0.2043 mill. This is a reduction of 9.6 percent and will save taxpayers more than \$13.9 million in property taxes.

The budget for FY2024 is \$224.8 million, compared to \$211.7 million for FY2023. More than \$131.1 million, representing 58 percent of the total budget, is dedicated to projects. The District will commit \$92.4 million to cooperative public and private partnerships resulting in a total investment of more than \$175 million for sustainable AWS development, water quality improvements, and other water resource management projects, illustrating the District's commitment to putting tax dollars to work. Since 1988, the District and its partners have made a combined investment of approximately \$4 billion in critical water resource projects.

Springs continue to be a unique destination for both our citizens and visitors. The District has committed a total of \$6.6 million in the budget toward restoring springs and spring-fed rivers within our region's coastal springs systems. These efforts will provide maximum ecologic and economic benefits in strategic locations through a variety of techniques such as monitoring, research and development, restoration, and septic to sewer conversions.

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The District has prioritized implementing water resource development projects, as outlined in the Regional Water Supply Plan. The budget includes \$65.2 million for AWS projects to continue to reduce the region's dependency on fresh groundwater.

We deliver to you a budget designed to live within our means, meet statutory requirements, operate on a pay-as-you-go basis without debt, and demonstrate our commitment to continually look for opportunities to increase efficiencies while improving the services we provide to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Armstrong", with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

Brian J. Armstrong, P.G.  
Executive Director

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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## I. Introduction

### A. History of Water Management Districts

Due to extreme drought and shifting public focus on resource protection and conservation, legislators passed four major laws in 1972: Environmental Land and Water Management Act, Comprehensive Planning Act, Land Conservation Act, and Water Resources Act. Collectively, these policy initiatives reflected the philosophy that land use, growth management, and water management should be joined.

Florida's institutional arrangement for water management is unique. The Florida Water Resources Act of 1972 (WRA), Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, granted Florida's five water management districts broad authority and responsibility. Two of the five districts existed prior to the passage of the WRA (South Florida and Southwest Florida), primarily as flood control agencies. Today, however, the responsibilities of all five districts encompass four broad categories: water supply (including water allocation and conservation), water quality, flood protection and floodplain management, and natural systems.

The five regional water management districts, established by the Legislature and recognized in the Florida Constitution, are set up largely on hydrologic boundaries. Water management districts are funded by ad valorem taxes normally reserved for local governments using the taxing authority that emanates from a constitutional amendment passed by Floridians in 1976. The water management districts are governed regionally by boards appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. There is also general oversight at the state level by the Department of Environmental Protection.

In Florida, water is a resource of the state, owned by no one individual, with the use of water overseen by water management districts acting in the public interest. Florida law recognizes the importance of balancing human needs for water with those of Florida's natural systems.

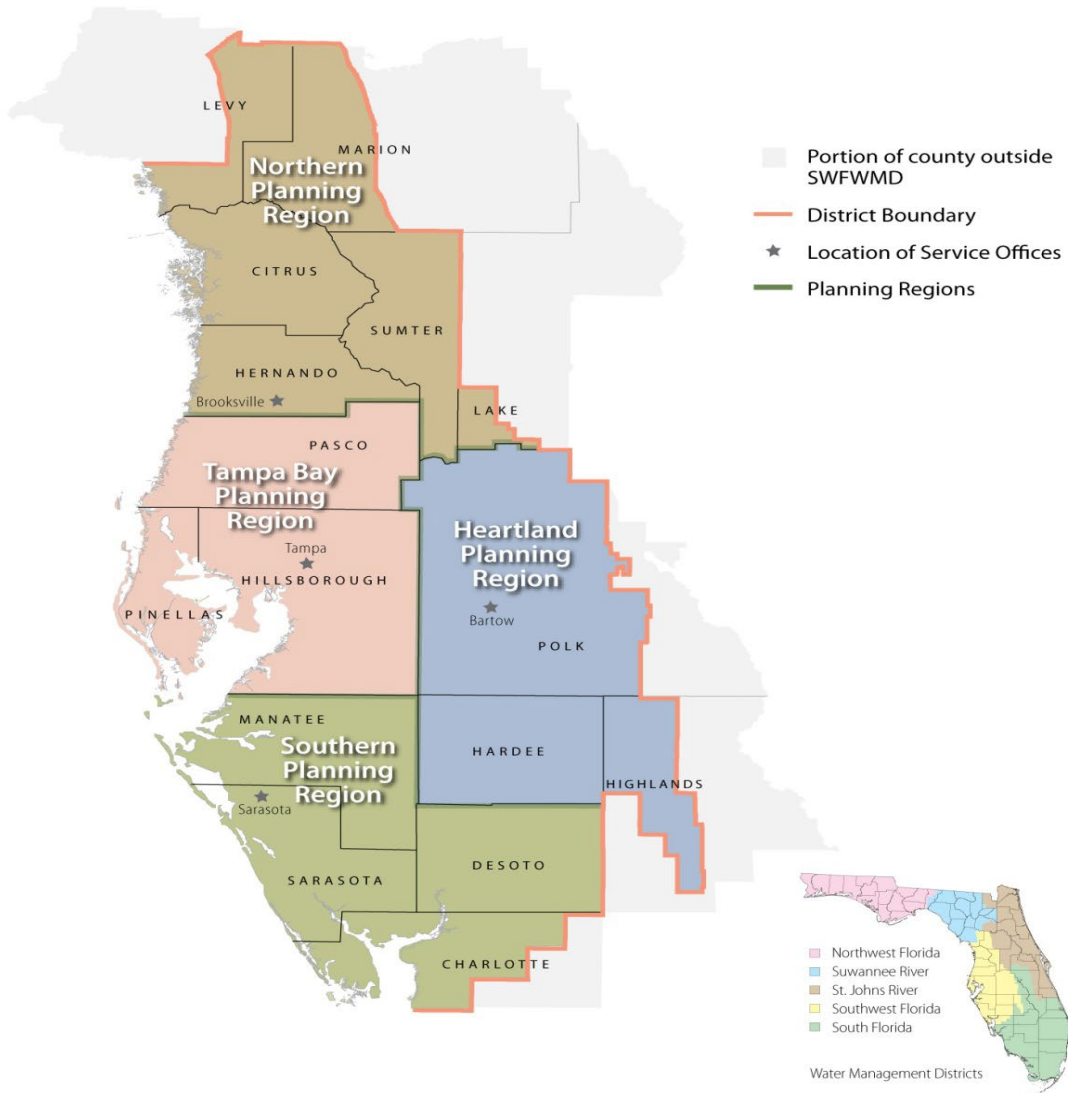
The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) was established in 1961 to operate and maintain several large flood protection projects. Since then, legislative action and state agency delegation have expanded the District's responsibilities to include managing water supply and protecting water quality and the natural systems in response to evolving water management challenges. The District, along with the other four water management districts, works with state agencies and local governments to ensure there are adequate water supplies to meet growing demands while protecting and restoring the water resources of the state; addressing water quality issues; protecting natural systems in Florida through land acquisition, land management, and ecosystem restoration; and promoting flood protection. For additional information, interested readers should review the websites and contact officials at each district. The District's website is [www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org).

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## B. Overview of the District

The District includes about 17 percent of the state's total area. The District encompasses all or part\* of 16 counties from Levy County in the north to Charlotte County in the south and extends from the Gulf of Mexico east to the highlands of central Florida, as further illustrated below.

Charlotte*	Citrus	DeSoto	Hardee
Hernando	Highlands*	Hillsborough	Lake*
Levy*	Manatee	Marion*	Pasco
Pinellas	Polk*	Sarasota	Sumter





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The District contains 97 local governments spread over approximately 10,000 square miles with a total population estimated to be 5.6 million. Several heavily populated and rapidly growing urban areas lie within this District, as does much of Florida's most productive agricultural land and phosphate mining areas. The region also contains the Green Swamp (headwaters for the Peace, Hillsborough, Withlacoochee, and Oklawaha rivers) and numerous lakes, springs, streams, and ponds. There are more than 200 springs within the District. Many of these springs are part of the five first-magnitude spring groups: Chassahowitzka River, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa River, Rainbow River, and Weeki Wachee River. For planning purposes, the District is divided into four regions: Northern, Tampa Bay, Heartland, and Southern.

The District is a regional governmental authority (special district) involved in many aspects of water management. The District was created in 1961 by a special act of the Florida Legislature to serve as local sponsor of the Four Rivers Basin, Florida flood-control project designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This law was later incorporated into Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Chapter 373, F.S., establishes funding and general administrative and operating procedures for all five of Florida's water management districts and mandates their overall responsibilities. Like the other water management districts, this District is independently governed by its Governing Board and works closely with the Executive Office of the Governor and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

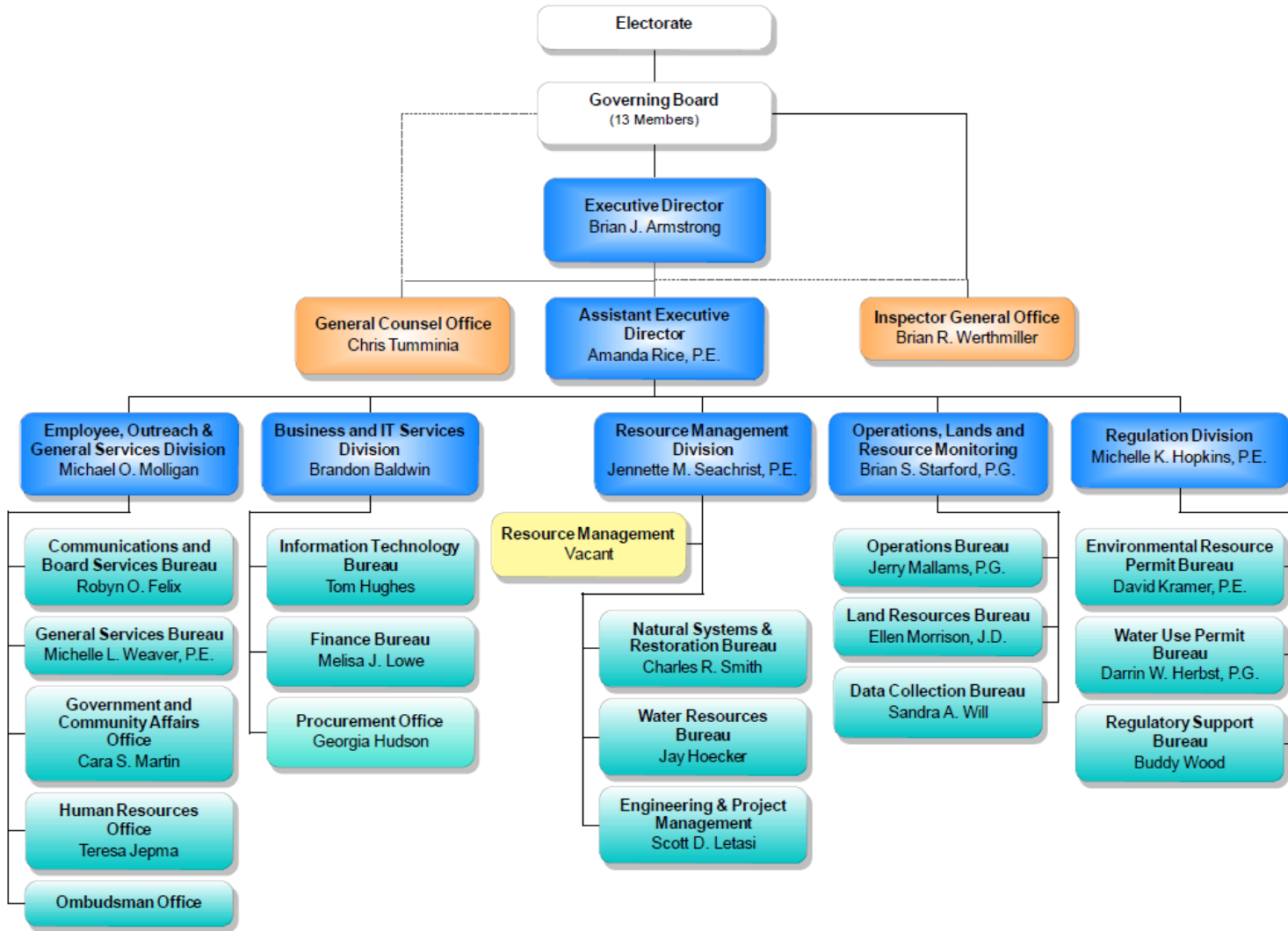
The District's original focus on flood control was expanded to include water use regulation and permitting, water shortage and conservation planning, water resource and supply development, water research assistance, minimum flows and minimum water levels, structural and non-structural forms of flood control, aquatic plant control, hydrologic investigations, land acquisition and management, and public education. In 1982, the DEP further expanded the District's duties by delegating public supply well construction and stormwater management permitting. These tasks represented the districts' first direct involvement in water quality aspects of resource management.

In 1992, the DEP delegated dredge and fill permitting activities, which in 1995 were combined with management and storage of surface water permitting activities, to form the Environmental Resource Permitting program. In 1997, the water management districts were given the additional requirement of creating a Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program that describes the implementation strategy for the water resource development component of each approved regional water supply plan developed.

The District's operations are directed by a 13-member Governing Board. Appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, Governing Board members are unpaid volunteers representing diverse backgrounds and interests. Board members, who must live within the District, serve four-year terms. The Governing Board determines the District's overall policies, executes its statutory and regulatory responsibilities, administers contracts, and authorizes tax levies and budgets in accordance with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) statutory budgetary hearing process. The Governing Board appoints the District's Executive Director, subject to approval by the Governor and the Senate, and appoints the District's Inspector General.

The District's primary funding source is ad valorem taxes, although revenues are also derived from state and federal appropriations, permit fees, interest earnings, and other sources. The taxing capabilities of the District are established by the Legislature within the limits set by the Florida Constitution.

## Organization Chart



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### D. Mission and Guiding Principles of the District

The District assumes its responsibilities as authorized in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and other chapters of the Florida Statutes by directing a wide range of programs, initiatives, and actions. Its Governing Board has adopted the following formal Mission Statement and has made it an integral part of its overall budget philosophy and structure:

“The mission of the Southwest Florida Water Management District is to protect water resources, minimize flood risks, and ensure the public’s water needs are met.”

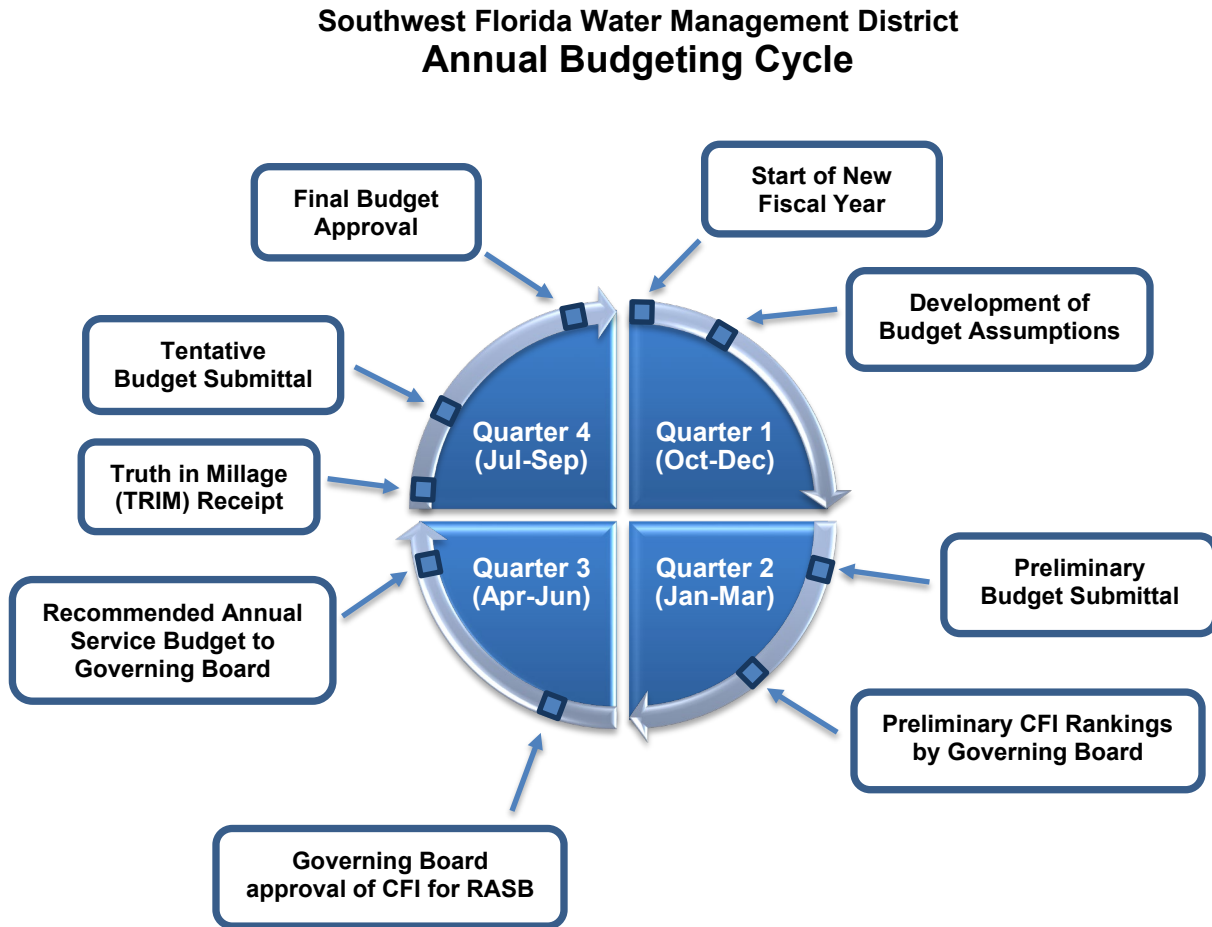
The District has established a goal that acts as a guiding principle for each of the four areas of responsibility (AOR), as well as strategic initiative goals implemented to meet the AOR goals:

- **Water Supply** – Ensure an adequate supply of water to provide for all existing and future reasonable and beneficial uses while protecting and maintaining water resources and related natural systems.
  - **Regional Water Supply Planning:** Identify, communicate, and promote consensus on the strategies and resources necessary to meet future reasonable and beneficial water supply needs.
  - **Alternative Water Supplies:** Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability.
  - **Reclaimed Water:** Maximize beneficial use of reclaimed water to offset potable water supplies and restore water levels and natural systems.
  - **Water Conservation:** Enhance efficiencies in all water-use sectors to ensure beneficial use.
- **Water Quality** – Protect and improve water quality to sustain the water resources, environment, economy, and quality of life.
  - **Assessment and Planning:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional water quality status and trends to support resource management decisions and restoration initiatives.
  - **Maintenance and Improvement:** Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations to maintain and improve water quality.
- **Flood Protection and Floodplain Management** – Minimize flood damage to protect people, property, infrastructure, and investment.
  - **Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information and flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decisions and initiatives.
  - **Maintenance and Improvement:** Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations to maintain and improve flood protection, and operate District flood control and water conservation structures to minimize flood damage while preserving the water resource.
  - **Emergency Flood Response:** Provide effective and efficient assistance to state and local governments and the public to minimize flood damage during and after major storm events, including operation of District flood control and water conservation structures.
- **Natural Systems** – Preserve, protect, and restore natural systems to support their natural hydrologic and ecological functions.
  - **Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs) Establishment and Monitoring:** Establish and monitor MFLs, and where necessary, develop and implement recovery/prevention strategies to recover water bodies and prevent significant harm.
  - **Conservation and Restoration:** Restoration and management of natural ecosystems for the benefit of water and water-related resources.

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### E. Development of the District Budget

The District's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The budget development process takes place throughout the fiscal year with guidance from the Governing Board. All meetings of the Governing Board, its committees, and its subcommittees are advertised to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns prior to the adoption of the budget. Additionally, meeting schedules and budget information are available on the District's website at [www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org). The figure below shows the cyclical nature of this process.



On October 18, 2022, the Governing Board approved budget preparation assumptions to be used for development of the District's fiscal year (FY) 2024 Preliminary Budget. The Preliminary Budget was then finalized, and the draft report was prepared.

On December 13, 2022, the Governing Board approved the draft FY2024 Preliminary Budget for submission to the Legislature. The District then submitted the FY2024 Preliminary Budget to the Florida Legislature on January 15, 2023.

On February 28, 2023, the Governing Board reviewed and ranked the FY2024 Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) requests submitted by cooperators. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the public an opportunity to provide input and for Board members to ask questions of the applicants and staff.

On April 25, 2023, final project rankings and their funding recommendations were compiled and approved by the Governing Board for inclusion in the FY2024 Recommended Annual Service Budget (RASB).

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On June 27, 2023, the FY2024 RASB was presented to the Governing Board with an overview of the recommended budget including a review of proposed revenues and expenditures in comparison to the FY2023 adopted budget. Revenues were reviewed by source and expenditures were reviewed by category, program, and area of responsibility.

On July 1, 2023, the Certifications of Taxable Value for the District's 16 counties were received by the District.

On July 25, 2023, a budget update was provided to the Governing Board, including information regarding the results of the county Certifications of Taxable Value received in July. Following the update, the Governing Board adopted a proposed FY2024 millage rate and approved a draft Tentative Budget for submission.

The Tentative Budget Submission reflecting the District's recommended budget for FY2024 was submitted on August 1, 2023 to the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG), the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the chairs of all legislative committees and subcommittees having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over the water management districts, the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, and each county commission within the District's boundaries for review and comment. The Tentative Budget Submission addressed any thresholds established by subsection 373.536(5)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), or requested by the EOG or Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) pursuant to subsection 373.536(5)(b), F.S., that had been exceeded since the submittal of the Preliminary Budget on January 15, 2023.

Prior to adoption of the final budget and in compliance with section 200.065, F.S., the District advised all county property appraisers within its jurisdiction, as required by the Truth in Millage (TRIM) process, of the proposed millage rate for FY2024, as well as the rolled-back rate and the date, time, and location of the public hearings on the matter.

The District held two TRIM public hearings in September. The first public hearing took place on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 5:01 p.m. at the Tampa Office located at 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida. The second and final public hearing took place on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 5:01 p.m. also at the Tampa Office. No written disapproval of any provision in the Tentative Budget by the EOG or LBC was received.

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### F. Budget Guidelines

The District developed its budget under guidelines previously established which include:

- Reviewing, on an ongoing basis, personnel, programs, and activities to ensure that the District is meeting its core mission areas without increasing costs for the taxpayers it serves;
- Ensuring that District employee benefits are consistent with those provided to state employees;
- Continuing District implementation plans for the beneficial use of excess fund balances;
- Avoiding new debt; and
- Furthering the Governor's priorities and the Legislature's support of those priorities.

The specific guidelines established by the District's Governing Board and management staff include the following budget assumptions used to develop the fiscal year (FY) 2024 budget.

#### **Revenues**

- Ad Valorem Revenues – based on a rolled-back millage rate of 0.2043, accounting for growth from new construction.
- Permit and License Fees – based on recent permit fees collected and permitting estimates for FY2024.
- Interest Earnings on Investments – based on an estimated 2.27 percent yield on investments and projected cash balances.
- Balance from Prior Years – based on the utilization of fund balances available per the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, and funds available for the acquisition of conservation lands from the sale of land no longer required for conservation purposes.
- Use of Reserves – only utilized to fund projects.
- Local Revenues – based on cooperators' share for projects, primarily funded through the District's Cooperative Funding Initiative, where the District is serving as the lead party.
- State Revenues – based on agreements with state agencies for ongoing initiatives, prior state appropriations which are available to be included in the budget, and 2023 appropriations associated with funding requests in the FY2024 budget.
- Federal Revenues – based on agreements with state agencies for ongoing initiatives utilizing federal pass-through funds.

#### **Expenditures**

- Workforce, Salaries, and Benefits:
  - Workforce – based on no proposed increases in Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs).
  - Salaries – based on a proposed 5 percent increase for performance-based pay increases.
  - Retirement – based on rates approved by the 2023 Florida Legislature.
  - Self-Funded Medical Insurance – based on recent claims experience, a 9 percent inflation factor, and projected premiums for administrative services and stop-loss insurance.
  - Non-Medical Insurance – based on calendar year 2023 premiums and projected rate changes.
- Remaining Recurring (Operating) Budget (including operating expenses, contracted services for operations, and operating capital outlay) – continue to look for savings and efficiencies.

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- Contracted Services for District Projects – based on priority project requests, separately justified for funding.
- Cooperative Funding Initiative – based on FY2024 funding requests from cooperators after projects are evaluated by staff, subsequently reviewed and ranked by the Governing Board based upon priorities outlined in the November 2023 Board workshop.
- District Grants – based on priority project requests, separately justified for funding.
- Fixed Capital Outlay – based on priority project requests, separately justified for funding.

### **Budget Targets**

- Salaries and Benefits funded with ad valorem not to exceed 50 percent of ad valorem revenue;
- Operating expenditures (including salaries and benefits) not to exceed 80 percent of ad valorem revenue; and
- Project expenditures equal to or exceed 50 percent of total budget.

Pursuant to section 373.536(5)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) may reject budget proposals based on the statutory thresholds described below. The thresholds in this budget are presented below for informational purposes.

1. A single purchase of land in excess of \$10 million, except for land exchanges.
  - The District **does not** have any single purchase of land in excess of \$10 million specifically planned for acquisition in the FY2024 budget. While none of the properties in the Florida Forever Work Plan currently exceed this threshold, acquisition of each property is subject to the market conditions, timing, and negotiations.
2. Any cumulative purchase of land during a single fiscal year in excess of \$50 million.
  - The District **does not** have a cumulative purchase of land in excess of \$50 million in the FY2024 budget.
3. Any issuance of debt on or after July 1, 2012.
  - The District **does not** have any issuance of debt in the FY2024 budget.
4. Any program expenditures as described in section 373.536(5)(e)4.e. (Outreach) and f. (Management and Administration) in excess of 15 percent of a district's total annual budget.
  - The District's FY2024 budget for the Outreach and Management and Administration programs **does not** exceed 15 percent of the total budget as illustrated below.
5. Any individual variances in a district's Tentative Budget in excess of 25 percent from a district's Preliminary Budget.
  - The District **does not** have any individual variances in excess of 25 percent from the Preliminary Budget.

Program	FY2024 Adopted Budget	Percent of Total Budget
5.0 Outreach	\$2,790,711	1.3%
6.0 Management & Administration	\$13,760,394	6.1%
<b>Total Budget (Programs 1.0 through 6.0)</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Programs 5.0 &amp; 6.0 Combined Total</b>	<b>\$16,551,105</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

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### G. Budget Development Calendar and Milestones

<b>October 1</b>	District fiscal year (FY) begins
<b>October</b>	Preliminary Budget development begins
<b>October 14</b>	Applications for Cooperative Funding Initiative requests due
<b>October 18</b>	Governing Board approval of Preliminary Budget development process and assumptions
<b>December 12</b>	Draft Preliminary Budget provided to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review
<b>December 13</b>	Governing Board approval of Preliminary Budget for submission to the Florida Legislature by January 15
<b>January 1</b>	Truth in Millage (TRIM) Certification of Compliance or Noncompliance with section 200.065, Florida Statutes (F.S.), due to the Department of Financial Services (373.503(6), F.S.)
<b>January 15</b>	Preliminary Budget due to the Florida Legislature (373.535(1)(a), F.S.)
<b>February</b>	Distribution of Budget Preparation Guidelines and staff training conducted
<b>February 28</b>	Preliminary review and rankings of Cooperative Funding requests by Governing Board
<b>March 1</b>	Legislative Preliminary Budget comments due to the District (373.535(2)(b), F.S.)
<b>March 15</b>	District must provide written response to any legislative comments (373.535(2)(b), F.S.)
<b>April 25</b>	Governing Board approval of final ranking and funding of cooperative funding requests for inclusion in the Recommended Annual Service Budget
<b>March – May</b>	District continues evaluation and refinement of the budget
<b>June 1</b>	Property Appraisers provide estimates of taxable values to the District
<b>June 27</b>	Recommended Annual Service Budget delivered to the Governing Board (373.536(2), F.S.)
<b>July 1</b>	If no action taken by the Florida Legislature, development of the Tentative Budget proceeds (373.535(2)(c), F.S.)
<b>July 1</b>	Property Appraisers provide certificates of taxable values to the District – TRIM (193.023(1) & 200.065(1), F.S.)
<b>July 17</b>	Draft Tentative Budget due to DEP for review
<b>July 25</b>	Governing Board adopts the proposed millage rate and approves the August 1 submittal of the Tentative Budget
<b>August 1</b>	Tentative Budget due to the Florida Legislature (373.536(5)(d), F.S.)



## I. Introduction

<b>August 4</b>	TRIM - DR420 forms submitted to 16 county property appraisers (200.065(2)(b), F.S.)
<b>September 5</b>	Comments on Tentative Budget due from legislative committees and subcommittees (373.536(5)(f), F.S.)
<b>September 10</b>	Tentative Budget is posted on District's official website (373.536(5)(d), F.S.)
<b>September 12</b>	Public Hearing to adopt the tentative millage rate and budget (Tampa Office) (373.536(3), F.S.)
<b>September 19</b>	Written disapproval of any provision in Tentative Budget due from Executive Office of the Governor and Legislative Budget Commission (373.536(5)(c), F.S.)
<b>September 26</b>	Public hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget (Tampa Office) (373.536(3), F.S.)
<b>September 29</b>	District sends copies of resolutions adopting final millage rate and budget to counties served by the District (200.065(4), F.S.)
<b>September 30</b>	District fiscal year ends
<b>October 6</b>	District submits Adopted Budget for current fiscal year to the Florida Legislature (373.536(6)(a)1., F.S.)
<b>October 26</b>	District submits TRIM certification package to Department of Revenue (200.068, F.S.)

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## II. Budget Highlights

### A. Budget Overview

The fiscal year (FY) 2024 Adopted Budget demonstrates the District's commitment to protecting and restoring Florida's water resources while meeting Governing Board priorities, complying with legislative directives, implementing the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan, and achieving its core mission. The budget furthers the Governor's priorities for Florida's environment and the Legislature's support of those priorities, which includes projects to restore springs, reduce pollution, and develop alternative water supplies (AWS). The FY2024 Adopted Budget is \$224,800,464 compared to \$211,683,181 for FY2023. This is an increase of \$13,117,283 or 6.2 percent.

The Adopted Budget meets the following goals established by the District's Governing Board:

- Project expenditures equal to or exceed 50 percent of budget - 58 percent achieved.
- Operating expenditures not to exceed 80 percent of ad valorem revenue - 74 percent achieved.
- Salaries and Benefits funded with ad valorem not to exceed 50 percent of ad valorem revenue - 48 percent achieved.

The operating or recurring portion of the FY2024 budget is \$93,686,065, compared to \$88,889,636 for FY2023. This is an increase of \$4,796,429 or 5.4 percent. In the Adopted Budget is a five percent increase for performance-based pay adjustments; however, the District's workforce remains the same at 583 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions as approved for FY2023. Holding the operating expenditures at 74 percent of ad valorem revenue provides the District with the funding capacity to sustain a significant investment in Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) and other cooperative programs where the dollars are leveraged to maximize environmental benefits.

The projects or non-recurring portion of the FY2024 budget is \$131,114,399, compared to \$122,793,545 for FY2023. This is an increase of \$8,320,854 or 6.8 percent. Interagency expenditures, comprised of CFI projects and District grants, account for \$92,374,651. This includes a total of \$22,650,000 anticipated from funds appropriated by the 2023 Florida Legislature for Springs Initiative and AWS projects, and \$3,438,625 in local revenue for projects where the District is serving as the lead party. The District's funds leveraged with its partners will result in a total regional investment of more than \$175 million in FY2024 for sustainable AWS development, water quality improvements, and other water resource management projects.

The FY2024 Adopted Budget includes ad valorem revenue of \$125,990,030, an increase of \$3,440,270 from \$122,549,760 for FY2023. This is based on the adoption of the rolled-back millage rate of 0.2043, accounting for the 3.21 percent growth from new construction indicated on the 16 county property appraisers' July 1 certifications of taxable property value.

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### B. Adequacy of Fiscal Resources

The District is committed to solving the region's water resource issues through cooperative programs, primarily its Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) which has been in place since 1988. These efforts have resulted in a combined investment (District, the State, and its cooperators) of approximately \$4 billion for the region's water resources. Projects are based on regional water supply plans and established funding thresholds for vital water quality, flood protection, and natural systems projects.

The evaluation of fiscal resources over a five-year span is required to ensure sustainable funding for CFI and other critical projects and plans set forth by the District. This evaluation includes the District's long-term funding plan, demonstrating the District's ability to adequately address the core mission areas of responsibility.

The District's financial modeling tool is used to assess the adequacy of its financial resources under various economic conditions and resource demands. The financial model considers all available resources and reserves, and future revenues and resource demands for projects. This includes major water supply and resource development projects consistent with the 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan, and for smaller local projects, typically conservation and reuse. The District believes these efforts provide a strong basis for the long-term funding plan.

Beginning with FY2025, the primary assumptions which drive the long-term funding plan are consistent with the guidelines established to develop the FY2024 Adopted Budget, including:

#### Revenues:

- **Millage Rate** – based on a rolled-back millage rate.
- **Ad Valorem** – based on the most recent results of the District's new construction and property value ad valorem models.
- **Local** – based on cooperators' share for ongoing projects, primarily funded through the District's CFI, where the District serves as the lead party.
- **State** – based on agreements with state agencies for ongoing initiatives and estimated appropriations from recurring state programs.
- **Federal** – based on known federal revenue sources for recurring programs.
- **Fund Balance** (Balance from Prior Years/Use of Reserves) – based on historical trends and only utilized to fund projects.

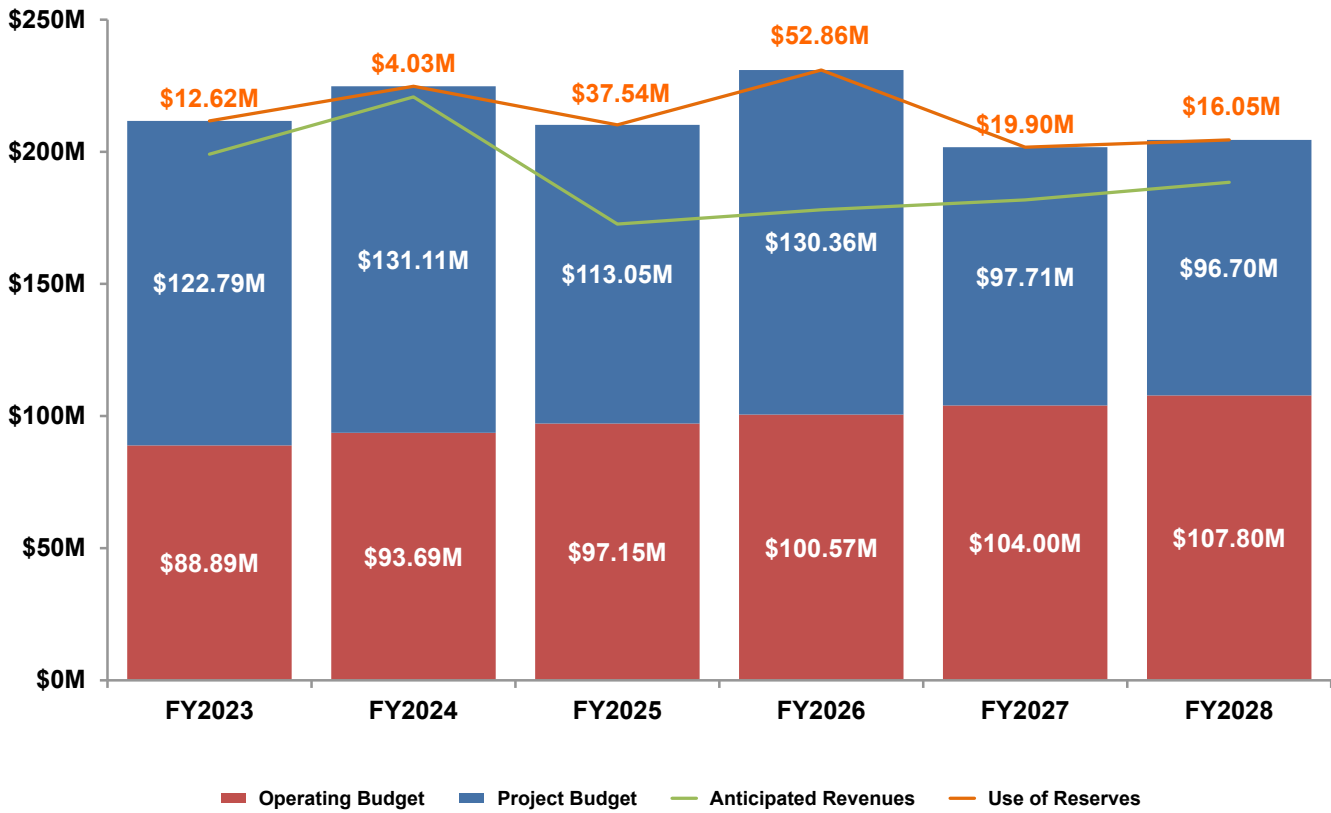
#### Expenditures:

- **Operating Budget** – includes salaries and benefits, operating expenses, contracted services for operations, and operating capital outlay.
  - Increase in operating budget not to exceed additional ad valorem revenue from projected new construction within a fiscal year.
- **Project Budget** – includes CFI projects; District grants and initiatives; and fixed capital outlay for land acquisition, capital improvements to District facilities and structures, and well construction.
  - Future requirements for current board-approved projects,
  - Projected requirements for anticipated large-scale projects, and
  - Estimated baseline funding for other future projects.

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The District's long-term funding plan demonstrates that the District's fiscal resources, supplemented by prudently managed project reserves, can support a healthy investment in water management and the economy. The graph below displays the FY2023 Adopted Budget, FY2024 Adopted Budget, and projected expenditures and revenues for FY2025 through FY2028. The red bar represents operating expenditures, and the blue bar represents project expenditures. The green line signifies anticipated revenues, with the orange line displaying the use of reserves. The associated dollar amount above the orange line represents the shortfall (use of reserves) in anticipated revenues required to balance the budget.

**Southwest Florida Water Management District  
Long-Term Funding Plan**



### **Conclusion:**

The District has developed the FY2024 Adopted Budget to ensure the long-term sustainability of the region's water resources. Maintaining operational costs in-line with current ad valorem revenue levels (approximately 74 percent of ad valorem) has allowed the Governing Board the flexibility to continue the necessary annual investment in critical water resource management projects for the west-central Florida region. Even with the significant investment of \$131,114,399 for projects in the FY2024 Adopted Budget, the District believes its resources, supplemented with project reserves, will maintain a healthy investment in water resources over the next five years.

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### C. Budget by Fund

#### General Fund

The **General Fund** is the primary operating fund of the District. The General Fund budget is \$203,368,098, an increase of \$3,303,816 compared to \$200,064,282 in fiscal year (FY) 2023. The increase is primarily due to an increase in funding for Cooperative Funding Initiative projects (\$19,255,587). This is offset by a reduction in state appropriations anticipated to be awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), along with the District's share, for Springs Initiative projects (\$10,500,000) and a reduction in funding for the Polk Partnership (\$5,000,000).

#### Special Revenue Funds

The **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation Fund** accounts for the revenue received from the FDOT for the state-mandated FDOT Mitigation Program. This program requires mitigation to offset adverse impacts of transportation projects to be funded by the FDOT and carried out by the DEP and the water management districts. The FDOT Mitigation Fund budget is \$856,866, an increase of \$71,967 compared to \$784,899 in FY2023. The increase is due to an increase in planned maintenance for the mitigated sites.

#### Capital Projects Funds

The **Facilities Fund** includes capital renovations, enhancements, or expansions of existing facilities and the purchase or construction of new facilities. The District continues its historical practice of completing capital improvement projects on a pay-as-you-go basis. Repair and maintenance activities are funded through the District's General Fund. The Facilities Fund budget is \$752,500, a decrease of \$281,500 compared to \$1,034,000 in FY2023. The budget includes funding for Districtwide scheduled heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacements, as well as the construction of oil change evacuation systems at the Brooksville and Tampa offices.

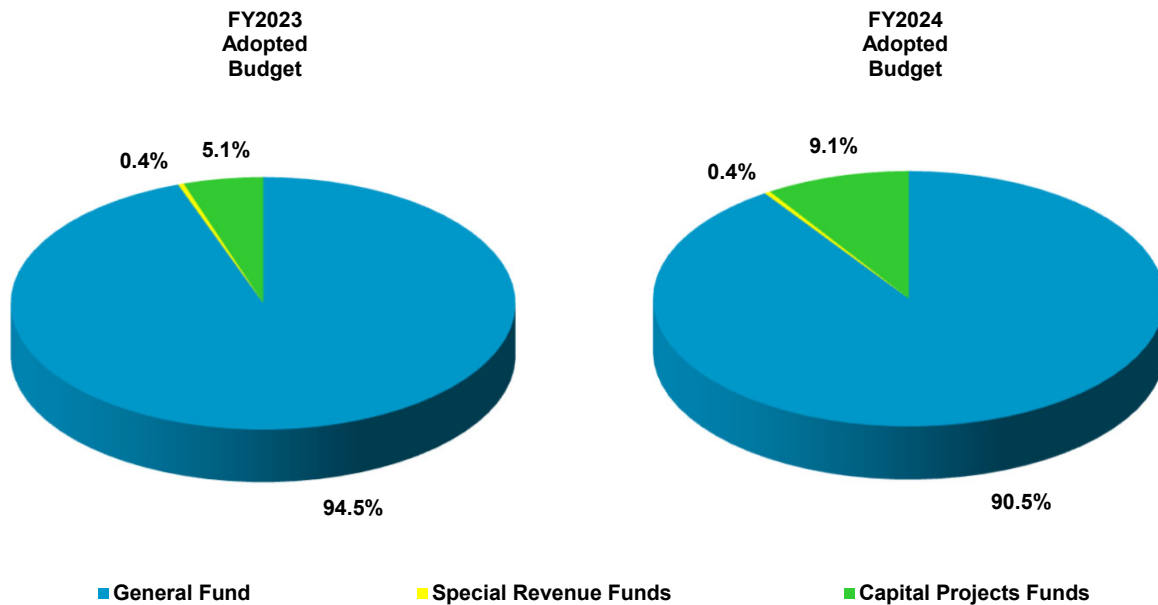
The **Structures Fund** includes large-scale structure construction projects including replacements or refurbishments of existing structures. The District continues its historical practice of completing capital improvement projects on a pay-as-you-go basis. Repair and maintenance are funded through the District's General Fund. The Structures Fund budget is \$10,948,000 compared to \$0 in FY2023. The budget includes funding for the replacement of flood gates and lift system conversions, as well as the installation of cathodic protection systems on structures S-160 and S-551.

The **Florida Forever Fund** includes the acquisition of land through the Florida Forever program for conservation and restoration purposes utilizing state appropriations from various trust funds for the program. While all prior state appropriations have been exhausted, the Florida Forever Fund's resources come from dollars within the District's investment accounts that were generated from the sale of land or real estate interests originally acquired with funds appropriated by the state. Per Florida Statutes, these dollars are restricted and must be reinvested in future land acquisition through the Florida Forever program. The Florida Forever Fund budget is \$8,875,000, a decrease of \$925,000 compared to \$9,800,000 in FY2023.

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### BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY FUND

FUND	FY2023		FY2024		DIFFERENCE	
	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	INCREASE / (DECREASE)	% OF CHANGE
<b>General Fund</b>						
General Fund	\$200,064,282		\$203,368,098		\$3,303,816	1.7%
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$200,064,282</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>\$203,368,098</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>\$3,303,816</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>						
FDOT Mitigation Fund	\$784,899		\$856,866		\$71,967	9.2%
<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>\$784,899</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$856,866</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$71,967</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
<b>Capital Projects Funds</b>						
Facilities Fund	\$1,034,000	0.5%	\$752,500	0.3%	(\$281,500)	(27.2%)
Structures Fund	-	0.0%	10,948,000	4.9%	10,948,000	N/A
Florida Forever Fund	9,800,000	4.6%	8,875,000	3.9%	(925,000)	(9.4%)
<b>Total Capital Projects Funds</b>	<b>\$10,834,000</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>\$20,575,500</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>\$9,741,500</b>	<b>89.9%</b>
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$211,683,181</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$13,117,283</b>	<b>6.2%</b>



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### D. Budget by Revenue Source

**Ad Valorem Taxes:** Represents property taxes levied on the taxable value of real and personal property as certified by the property appraiser in each of the 16 counties within the District's region and is the District's primary funding source. The budget is \$125,990,030, an increase of \$3,440,270 compared to \$122,549,760 in fiscal year (FY) based on the adoption of the rolled-back millage rate of 0.2043; accounting for the 3.21 percent increase in new construction.

**State/Federal/Local Funding:** Represents funds received from the State of Florida, federal government, and local governments. The budget is \$30,801,317, a decrease of \$6,824,042 compared to \$37,625,359 in FY2023.

- State funding includes:
  - \$20,000,000 in new appropriations anticipated to be awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for Water Supply and Water Resource Development projects.
  - \$2,650,000 in new appropriations anticipated to be awarded by the DEP for Springs Initiative projects.
  - \$2,294,100 in new (\$2,250,000) and prior year (\$44,100) appropriations from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for land management activities.
  - \$1,200,000 in new appropriations to be awarded by the DEP for the Flood Control Structure S-160 Cathodic Protection System.
  - \$796,781 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the FDOT Mitigation program.
  - \$338,000 from other recurring state programs.
- Federal funding includes:
  - \$65,859 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the FDOT Mitigation program.
  - \$17,952 from the USDOT for FDOT Efficient Transportation Decision Making program.
- Local funding includes \$3,438,625 for cooperatively funded projects where the District serves as the lead party.

**Permit and License Fees:** Represents revenue generated from consumptive use permits, environmental resource permits, water well construction permits, and water well contractor licenses. The budget is \$2,274,617, an increase of \$17,760 compared to \$2,256,857 in FY2023 based on anticipated increases in relation to environmental resource and well construction permit applications.

**Interest Earnings on Investments:** The budget is \$12,400,000, an increase of \$6,600,000 compared to \$5,800,000 in FY2023 based on a 2.27 percent estimated yield on investments and projected cash balances.

**Miscellaneous Revenue:** Represents items that fall outside of the categories described above, including revenue generated from District-owned conservation lands such as timber sales. The budget is \$600,300, a decrease of \$45,000 compared to \$645,300 in FY2023 primarily due to projected reductions in revenue from anticipated wellness program activities reimbursed by the District's health insurance provider (\$30,000) and timber sales (\$15,000).

**Balance from Prior Years:** Represents fund balances available from prior years to be utilized as a resource to fund the upcoming budget. These funds result from revenues received greater than budgeted including the sale of District assets or unexpended funds primarily due to projects completed under budget or cancelled. The budget is \$48,703,099, an increase of \$18,517,716 compared to \$30,185,383 in FY2023 primarily due to more unexpended funds from projects completed under budget or cancelled than the previous year.

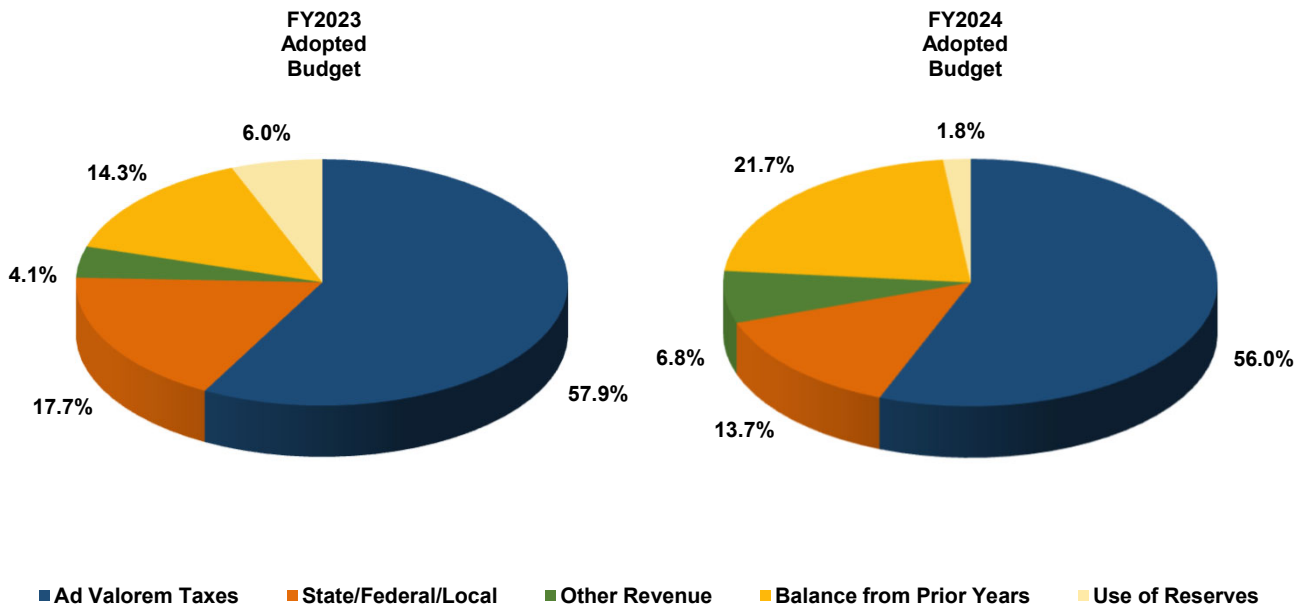
**Use of Reserves:** Represents project reserves to fund vital water resource management projects. The budget is \$4,031,101, a decrease of \$8,589,421 compared to \$12,620,522 in FY2023.



## II. Budget Highlights

### BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY REVENUE SOURCE

REVENUE SOURCE	FY2023		FY2024		DIFFERENCE	
	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	INCREASE / (DECREASE)	% OF CHANGE
<b>Ad Valorem Taxes</b>	<b>\$122,549,760</b>	<b>57.9%</b>	<b>\$125,990,030</b>	<b>56.0%</b>	<b>\$3,440,270</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>State/Federal/Local</b>						
DEP - Inglis Dam & Spillway	\$150,000		\$170,000		\$20,000	
DEP - Highlands Hammock St Prk/Little Charlie Bowlegs WMP	97,500		0		(97,500)	
DEP - Springs Initiative	11,500,000		2,650,000		(8,850,000)	
DEP - Water Supply & Water Res. Development - AWS	20,000,000		20,000,000		0	
FDOT - Mitigation Program	692,561		796,781		104,220	
FWC - Aquatic Plant Management	168,000		168,000		0	
State Appr - Land Acquisition TF (LATF) - Land Mgmt.	2,250,000		2,250,000		0	
State Appr - LATF - Land Mgmt. - prior year funds	530,000		44,100		(485,900)	
State Appr - Statewide Flooding/Sea Level Rise Resilience	0		1,200,000		1,200,000	
<i>State Funding:</i>	<u>\$35,388,061</u>	16.6%	<u>\$27,278,881</u>	12.1%	(\$8,109,180)	(22.9%)
FDOT - Efficient Transportation Decision Making	\$24,824		\$17,952		(\$6,872)	
FDOT - Mitigation Program	97,849		65,859		(31,990)	
<i>Federal Funding:</i>	<u>\$122,673</u>	0.1%	<u>\$83,811</u>	0.1%	(\$38,862)	(31.7%)
<i>Local Funding:</i>	<u>\$2,114,625</u>	1.0%	<u>\$3,438,625</u>	1.5%	\$1,324,000	62.6%
<b>Total State/Federal/Local</b>	<b>\$37,625,359</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>\$30,801,317</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>(\$6,824,042)</b>	<b>(18.1%)</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
Permit and License Fees	\$2,256,857		\$2,274,617		\$17,760	
Interest Earnings on Investments	5,800,000		12,400,000		6,600,000	
Miscellaneous	645,300		600,300		(45,000)	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,702,157</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>\$15,274,917</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>\$6,572,760</b>	<b>75.5%</b>
<b>Balance from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$30,185,383</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>\$48,703,099</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>\$18,517,716</b>	<b>61.3%</b>
<b>Use of Reserves</b>	<b>\$12,620,522</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>\$4,031,101</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>(\$8,589,421)</b>	<b>(68.1%)</b>
<b>Total Revenues and Balances</b>	<b>\$211,683,181</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$13,117,283</b>	<b>6.2%</b>



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### E. Budget by Expenditure Category

#### OPERATING BUDGET

**Salaries and Benefits:** Includes funding for District regular full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. The budget includes 583 FTE positions, which is the same as fiscal year (FY) 2023, and a five percent increase for performance-based pay adjustments. The budget is \$62,451,806, an increase of \$2,769,565 compared to \$59,682,241 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Regular Salaries and Wages (\$1,362,897)
- Retirement (\$930,307)
- Self-Funded Medical (\$334,718)
- Employer Paid FICA Taxes (\$104,935)

For a detailed list of Salaries and Benefits, refer to page 46.

**Operating Expenses:** Includes items such as Software Licensing and Maintenance, Property Tax Commissions, Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Structures, Parts and Supplies, Insurance and Bonds, Fuels and Lubricants, Utilities, Maintenance and Repair of Equipment, Non-Capital Equipment, Travel – Staff Duties and Training, and Telephone and Communications. The budget is \$17,203,674, an increase of \$575,147 compared to \$16,628,527 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Structures (\$172,600)
- Insurance and Bonds (\$158,135)
- Non-Capital Equipment (\$98,780)
- Utilities (\$62,000)
- District Land Maintenance Materials (\$55,000)
- Travel – Staff Duties and Training (\$51,585)
- Telephone and Communications (\$42,855)

***The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:***

- Rental of Other Equipment (\$60,841)
- Payments in Lieu of Taxes (\$54,000)

For a detailed listing of Operating Expenses, refer to page 47.

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**Contracted Services for Operations:** Includes outsourced services in support of District operations such as Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring; Technology and Information Services; Land Management and Use; Works of the District; Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs); Regulation Permitting; and Facility Operations and Maintenance. These services are vital to protecting Florida's water resources and are primarily performed by the private sector, representing a direct investment into the economy. The budget is \$11,239,286, an increase of \$931,655 compared to \$10,307,631 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Technology and Information Services (\$485,175)
- MFLs (\$386,000)
- Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring (\$226,865)
- Facility Operations and Maintenance (\$200,000)
- Regulation Permitting (\$120,114)
- Land Management and Use (\$98,701)

***The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:***

- Watershed Management Planning (\$400,000)
- Works of the District (\$170,700)

For a detailed listing of Contracted Services for Operations, refer to page 48.

**Operating Capital Outlay:** Represents purchases and leases of heavy equipment, vehicles, watercraft, computer hardware, and other equipment with a value per item of at least \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of one or more years. The budget is \$2,791,299, an increase of \$520,062 compared to \$2,271,237 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Information Technology Equipment (\$406,150)
- Vehicles (\$208,900)
- Capital Field Equipment Fund (\$200,000)

***The increases are primarily offset by a reduction in:***

- Inside Equipment excluding Information Technology (\$264,000)

For a detailed listing of Operating Capital Outlay, refer to pages 49 through 50.

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### PROJECT BUDGET

**Contracted Services for District Projects:** Represents projects such as Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM), conservation lands restoration, watershed management planning, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) research, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation. These projects are vital to protecting Florida's water resources and are primarily performed by the private sector, representing a direct investment into the economy. The budget is \$7,470,748, a decrease of \$6,041,483 compared to \$13,512,231 in FY2023.

***The decrease is primarily due to reductions in:***

- Restoration Initiatives (\$5,584,000)
- Mapping & Survey Control (\$948,725)
- Structure Operations and Maintenance (\$725,000)

***The decreases are primarily offset by increases in:***

- Surface Water Flows & Levels Data (\$890,000)
- Watershed Management Planning (\$300,000)

For a detailed listing of Contracted Services for District Projects, refer to pages 51 through 54.

**Cooperative Funding/District Grants:** Represents matching funds provided through the District's Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) and District grants such as the Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) program. The CFI generally provides 50 percent matching funds toward the cost of projects that help create sustainable water resources, enhance conservation efforts, improve water quality, provide flood protection, and restore natural ecosystems. The budget is \$92,374,651, an increase of \$1,805,587 compared to \$90,569,064 in FY2023.

***The decrease is primarily due to reductions in:***

- Springs Initiatives (\$10,500,000)
- Stormwater Improvements – Water Quality (\$7,651,941)
- Reclaimed Water (\$5,174,000)
- Polk Partnership (\$5,000,000)
- FARMS Program (\$2,000,000)
- Stormwater Improvements – Implementation of Storage & Conveyance BMPs (\$1,623,319)
- Aquifer Storage & Recovery Feasibility and Pilot Testing (\$987,624)
- Restoration Initiatives (\$767,059)

***The reductions are primarily offset by increases in:***

- Regional Potable Water Interconnects (\$20,190,413)
- Surface Water Reservoirs and Treatment Plants (\$15,057,867)
- Watershed Management Planning (\$1,062,000)

For a detailed listing of Cooperative Funding and District Grants, refer to pages 55 through 57.

**Fixed Capital Outlay:** Represents potential purchases of land and land easements, and the construction or improvements of water control structures, wells, buildings, bridges, and other capital structures. The budget is \$31,269,000, an increase of \$12,556,750 compared to \$18,712,250 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- District Water Control Structure Construction and Improvements (\$10,650,000)
- Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling Program (\$2,088,750)

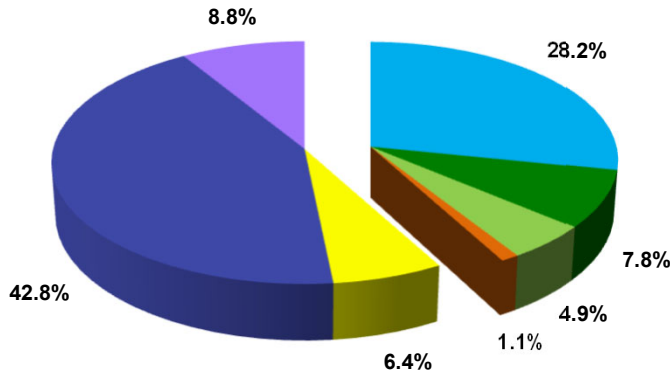
For a detailed listing of Fixed Capital Outlay, refer to page 58.

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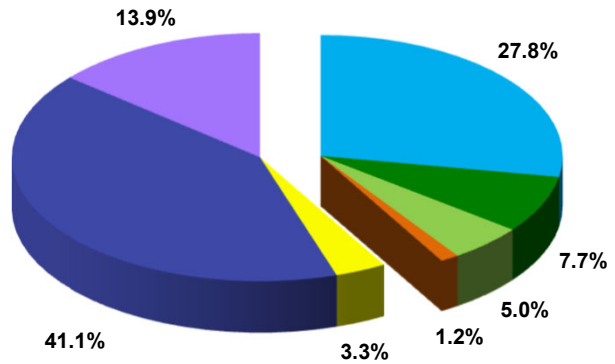
### BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	FY2023		FY2024		DIFFERENCE	
	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	INCREASE / (DECREASE)	% OF CHANGE
<b>Operating</b>						
Salaries and Benefits	\$59,682,241	28.2%	\$62,451,806	27.8%	\$2,769,565	4.6%
Operating Expenses	16,628,527	7.8%	17,203,674	7.7%	575,147	3.5%
Contracted Services for Operations	10,307,631	4.9%	11,239,286	5.0%	931,655	9.0%
Operating Capital Outlay	2,271,237	1.1%	2,791,299	1.2%	520,062	22.9%
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$88,889,636</b>	<b>42.0%</b>	<b>\$93,686,065</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>\$4,796,429</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Projects</b>						
Contracted Services for District Projects	\$13,512,231	6.4%	\$7,470,748	3.3%	(\$6,041,483)	(44.7%)
Cooperative Funding/District Grants	90,569,064	42.8%	92,374,651	41.1%	1,805,587	2.0%
Fixed Capital Outlay	18,712,250	8.8%	31,269,000	13.9%	12,556,750	67.1%
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>\$122,793,545</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>\$131,114,399</b>	<b>58.3%</b>	<b>\$8,320,854</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$211,683,181</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$13,117,283</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

**FY2023  
Adopted  
Budget**



**FY2024  
Adopted  
Budget**



- Salaries and Benefits
- Operating Expenses
- Contracted Services for Operations
- Operating Capital Outlay
- Contracted Services for District Projects
- Cooperative Funding/District Grants
- Fixed Capital Outlay

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### F. Budget by Program

The water management districts are responsible for six program areas pursuant to subsection 373.536(5)(e)4, Florida Statutes: Water Resource Planning and Monitoring; Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works; Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands; Regulation; Outreach; and Management and Administration.

**Program 1.0 – Water Resource Planning and Monitoring:** Encompasses a broad scope of programs critical to the core mission, including water supply planning; minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs); data collection, research and studies; watershed and water body planning; flood mapping; and technical assistance to local governments. The budget is \$38,379,208, an increase of \$4,668,175 compared to \$33,711,033 in fiscal year (FY) 2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Fixed capital outlay for well construction associated with the Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling program (\$2,088,750).
- Contracted services for Surface Water Flows & Levels Data (\$1,037,115), Ground Water Levels Data (\$357,260), and MFLs Technical Support (\$286,000).
- Cooperative funding/District grants for Watershed Management Planning cooperative funding projects (\$1,012,000).
- Salaries and benefits (\$617,198).

***The increases are primarily offset by a reduction in:***

- Contracted services for Mapping & Survey Control (\$948,725).

**Program 2.0 – Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works:** Includes development and construction of capital projects such as water supply development, water resource development, stormwater management, both the implementation of storage and conveyance Best Management Practices (BMPs) and water quality improvements, and natural system restoration. Also included is the acquisition of lands for flood protection, water storage, water management, conservation and protection of water resources, aquifer recharge, and preservation of wetlands, streams, lakes, and springs. The budget is \$111,243,463, a decrease of \$4,073,600 compared to \$115,317,063 in FY2023.

***The decrease is primarily due to reductions in:***

- Cooperative funding/District grants for Springs Initiatives (\$10,500,000), Polk Partnership (\$5,000,000), Water Supply and Water Resource Development (\$4,000,000), Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) (\$2,000,000) grant programs; and Stormwater Improvement – Water Quality (\$7,651,941), Reclaimed Water (\$5,174,000), Stormwater Improvement – Implementation of Storage & Conveyance BMP (\$1,623,319), Aquifer Storage & Recovery Feasibility and Pilot Testing (\$987,624), and Restoration Initiative (\$767,059) cooperative funding projects.
- Contracted services for Restoration Initiatives (\$5,584,000).

***The reductions are primarily offset by an increase in:***

- Cooperative funding/District grants for Regional Potable Water Interconnect (\$20,190,413) and Surface Water Reservoir and Treatment Plant (\$15,057,867) cooperative funding projects.

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**Program 3.0 – Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands:** Includes management and maintenance of District lands; operation and maintenance of water control structures and related facilities; maintenance of District buildings, vehicles, and field equipment; aquatic plant control; and emergency operations. The budget is \$33,864,901, an increase of \$10,293,307 compared to \$23,571,594 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Fixed capital outlay for District water control structure construction and improvements (\$10,650,000).

**Program 4.0 – Regulation:** Includes all permitting functions of the District, including consumptive use permitting, water well construction permitting and contractor licensing, environmental resource permitting, and permit compliance enforcement. The budget is \$24,761,787, an increase of \$1,173,407 compared to \$23,588,380 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Salaries and benefits (\$715,151).
- Contracted services for financial systems upgrades (\$146,790), Dover/Plant City Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) program operation and maintenance (\$89,614), and a contracts and solicitation management system replacement (\$77,326).
- Operating capital outlay for vehicles (\$172,400) and the West Palm Beach unified computing system replacement (\$100,860).

***The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:***

- Contracted services for a water use permitting data collection system (\$100,000).
- Operating capital outlay for an audio/visual system upgrade in the Brooksville Office boardroom (\$90,531).

**Program 5.0 – Outreach:** Includes public and youth education, public information, and legislative liaison functions. The budget is \$2,790,711, an increase of \$255,565 compared to \$2,535,146 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Salaries and benefits (\$141,469).
- Operating capital outlay for rainfall signage (\$45,340).
- Contracted services for legislative services (\$40,000).

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**Program 6.0 – Management and Administration:** Encompasses the business functions necessary to operate the District, including executive direction, legal services, internal audit services, finance, procurement, human resources, risk management, property appraiser and tax collector commissions, and other administrative support. The budget is \$13,760,394, an increase of \$800,429 compared to \$12,959,965 in FY2023.

***The increase is primarily due to increases in:***

- Salaries and benefits (\$632,792).
- Operating expenses for software licensing and maintenance (\$46,325) and liability insurance (\$37,410).
- Contracted services for financial systems upgrades (\$49,761) and a contracts and solicitation management system replacement (\$25,898).
- Operating capital outlay for information technology equipment (\$36,850) and the West Palm Beach unified computing system replacement (\$33,780).

***The increases are primarily offset by a reduction in:***

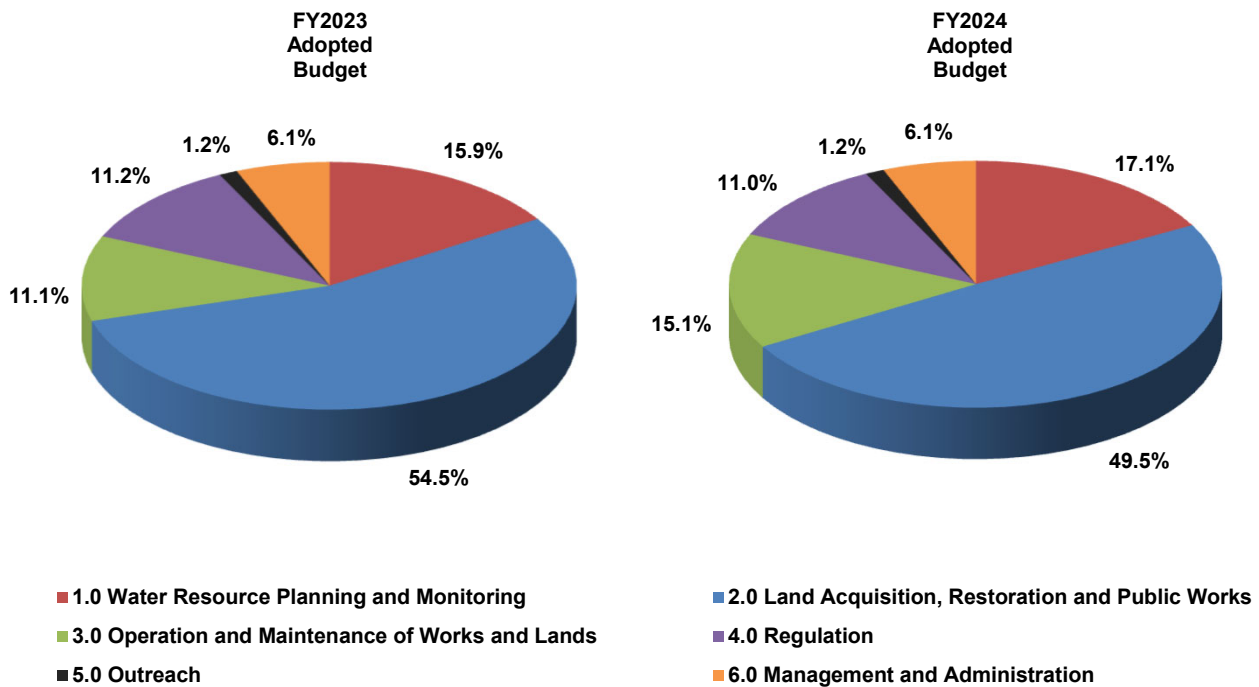
- Contracted services for the development of standard technical specifications for bids and contracts (\$40,000) and human resources advisory services (\$40,000).



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### BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY PROGRAM

PROGRAM	FY2023		FY2024		DIFFERENCE	
	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	INCREASE / (DECREASE)	% OF CHANGE
1.0 Water Resource Planning and Monitoring	\$33,711,033	15.9%	\$38,379,208	17.1%	\$4,668,175	13.8%
2.0 Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	115,317,063	54.5%	111,243,463	49.5%	(4,073,600)	(3.5%)
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands	23,571,594	11.1%	33,864,901	15.1%	10,293,307	43.7%
4.0 Regulation	23,588,380	11.2%	24,761,787	11.0%	1,173,407	5.0%
5.0 Outreach	2,535,146	1.2%	2,790,711	1.2%	255,565	10.1%
6.0 Management and Administration	12,959,965	6.1%	13,760,394	6.1%	800,429	6.2%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$211,683,181</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$13,117,283</b>	<b>6.2%</b>



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### G. Budget by Area of Responsibility (AOR)

Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.) authorizes the District to direct a wide range of initiatives, programs, and actions. These responsibilities are grouped under four core mission areas by statute: water supply, water quality, flood protection and floodplain management, and natural systems. The District has developed and the Governing Board has approved the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, updated February 2023, which is available online at [www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/resources/plans-reports/strategic-plan](http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/resources/plans-reports/strategic-plan). The Strategic Plan reflects the District's commitment to meeting the four core mission AOR goals.

#### **Water Supply**

**\$90,149,983**

**Regional Water Supply Planning** – Identify, communicate, and promote consensus on the strategies and resources necessary to meet future reasonable and beneficial water supply needs.

The District collaborates on planning efforts with the St. Johns River and South Florida water management districts, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and public supply utilities within the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) boundaries. The District included \$229,776 in the Adopted Budget to continue this effort, comparably benefitting water supply and natural systems. Data collection activities that aid in the evaluation of future water supply needs throughout the District, with a primary focus in the CFWI area, are provided with \$5.2 million in the budget for the Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling program, which also includes real estate services and land survey costs for well site acquisition.

**Alternative Water Supplies (AWS)** – Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability.

The District offers funding incentives for the development of AWS to reduce competition for limited supplies of fresh groundwater. Some AWS development efforts, such as aquifer recharge, additionally provide aid to natural systems. Through its Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI), the District leverages other local and regional funding by offering matching funds, generally up to 50 percent of the cost of AWS development projects. The Adopted Budget consists of \$65.2 million for AWS, of which \$65.1 million provides a water supply benefit through efforts including surface water reservoirs, regional interconnections, brackish groundwater, and aquifer recharge systems.

This includes the continuation of funding for a cooperative effort with the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority for the construction of two potable water transmission interconnections as part of the Regional Integrated Loop System. One will extend the system approximately 10 miles north from its current terminus at Clark Road (SR-72) to Fruitville Road, and the other will extend it approximately 13 miles south from Serris Boulevard to Gulf Cove Water Booster Pump Station in Charlotte County. Both extensions are expected to have a maximum daily capacity of 40 million gallons per day (mgd). Reclaimed water, a form of AWS, and conservation also help ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability and are covered separately below.

**Reclaimed Water** – Maximize beneficial use of reclaimed water to offset potable water supplies and restore water levels and natural systems.

Reclaimed water is wastewater that has received at least secondary treatment and disinfection and is used for a beneficial purpose such as irrigation, manufacturing processes, or power generation. By offsetting demand for groundwater and surface water, this AWS source reduces stress on environmental systems, provides economic benefits by delaying costly water system expansions, and reduces the need to discharge wastewater effluent to surface waters. The budget includes \$45,416 for ongoing cooperatively-funded reclaimed water projects which will contribute toward the Governing Board priority for the District to achieve its goal of 75 percent reuse of available wastewater by 2040.

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**Water Conservation** – Enhance efficiencies in all water-use sectors to ensure beneficial use.

The District's water conservation program has many facets. Approximately \$521,000 is included in the budget for cooperatively-funded or District-initiated water conservation projects and grants involving a variety of activities throughout the District. Much of the Adopted Budget for water resource education is directed at water conservation education programs or projects with a conservation component (\$482,028). The District also implements regulatory requirements and incentives to achieve water conservation through its Consumptive Use Permitting (CUP) program, representing \$1.9 million of the \$4.2 million in the budget.

**Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS)** – A cooperative public-private cost-share reimbursement program to implement agricultural best management practices (BMPs).

The FARMS program serves the entire District and focuses on Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawal savings and water quality, and natural systems improvements in targeted Water Use Caution Areas and priority watersheds by working with producers to implement BMPs to reduce groundwater use and nutrient loading in springsheds. FARMS projects include both reclaimed water and conservation components, representing \$4.3 million of the \$5.4 million in the Adopted Budget for the program. Since inception of the program in 2003, 211 projects are operational with actual groundwater offset totaling 27.2 mgd.

### **Water Quality**

**\$26,075,624**

**Assessment and Planning** – Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional water quality status and trends to support resource management decisions and restoration initiatives.

The District collects and analyzes water quality data through several monitoring networks and program specific efforts. Major long-term water quality monitoring network efforts include coastal/inland groundwater (\$280,397), springs (\$158,856), rivers/streams and associated biological surveys (\$89,436), Upper Floridan aquifer/springs recharge basins (\$37,210), and lakes (\$21,861). While these monitoring networks support the improvement of water quality, they also provide similar benefits in protecting natural systems.

Data is also collected for the District's 12 Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) priority water bodies. The District prepares plans for the protection and restoration of these SWIM water bodies (\$904,812) and provides support for the Coastal and Heartland, Sarasota Bay, and Tampa Bay estuary programs (\$490,923). Although these activities primarily provide a water quality benefit, there are natural systems components as well.

**Maintenance and Improvement** – Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations to maintain and improve water quality.

The Adopted Budget includes \$1.1 million for cooperatively-funded and District-initiated stormwater water quality improvement projects. Some surface water restoration projects provide water quality benefits along with habitat improvement as described below in *Natural Systems* under "Conservation and Restoration." Projects of this nature are implemented through the SWIM, CFI, and land management programs and account for \$319,563 in water quality benefits of the \$1.7 million in the Adopted Budget for surface water restoration.

There are over 200 documented springs within the District. Committed to the State's initiative to protect the health of our unique springs resources, the District plans and implements projects to take an ecosystem-level approach to springs management with emphasis on its five first-magnitude spring systems: Rainbow, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa, Chassahowitzka, and Weeki Wachee. In the

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Adopted Budget is \$6.6 million in support of springs initiatives, of which \$4.3 million is benefitting water quality. Efforts such as shoreline restoration, wetland treatment, beneficial reclaimed water reuse, and septic to sewer conversions (\$4 million) all serve to reduce pollutant loading into these aquatic systems.

The FARMS program targets agricultural water conservation and AWS use (see *Water Supply* above) but also provides water quality benefits (\$1.1 million of the \$5.4 million in the Adopted Budget) through improved surface water and groundwater management, particularly in targeted areas such as the Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek watersheds. One sector of the program focuses on rehabilitation (back-plugging) of wells to minimize the impact of highly mineralized groundwater (\$29,538). A related effort, the Quality of Water Improvement Program, provides cost-share reimbursement to landowners for the plugging of abandoned wells to reduce inter-aquifer exchange of poor water quality and potential surface water contamination (\$802,016). In addition, the District's regulatory activities include water quality benefits to protect the region's water resources (\$5.2 million).

### **Flood Protection and Floodplain Management**

**\$45,319,781**

**Floodplain Management** – Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information and flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decisions and initiatives.

The District's Watershed Management Program is primarily a cooperative effort with local governments to develop a technical understanding of the hydrology of watersheds. The Adopted Budget includes \$8.6 million in cooperatively-funded and District-initiated projects supporting floodplain management for the modeling and planning phase of the program. Among other benefits, the watershed plans contribute to the development of stormwater models and floodplain information that local city and county governments can use to develop more accurate digital flood hazard maps in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Funding is also included in the budget for continuation of a project to capture orthoimagery concurrently with the Statewide/Peninsular Light Detection And Ranging (LiDAR) program (\$96,217). This effort provides high-quality data to be used in support of the District's Watershed Management Program, as well as its Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) program and minimum flow and minimum water level (MFL) determinations.

**Maintenance and Improvement** – Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations to maintain and improve flood protection, and operate District flood control and water conservation structures to minimize flood damage while preserving the water resource.

The implementation phase of the Watershed Management Program involves construction of preventive and remedial projects and BMPs to address potential and existing flooding concerns. The Adopted Budget includes \$9.2 million for cooperatively-funded and District-initiated projects addressing flood protection BMPs. This includes funding for a cooperative effort with Pasco County for the design, permitting and construction of improvements to the stormwater systems that will reduce the risk of flooding during the 100 year, 24-hour storm event on Lafayette drive within the Sea Pines community which currently experiences flooding issues. In addition, the District regulates surface water management and floodplain encroachment to minimize flooding impacts from land development through its ERP program, representing \$3.4 million of the \$10.4 million in the Adopted Budget.

The District maintains and operates 84 water control structures and 63 miles of canals to manage water levels and reduce the risk of flooding. All mission critical water control structures are instrumented for remote control to provide cost-efficient operation and improved response time during weather events. Some structures are also equipped with digital video monitoring systems for improved security, safety, and reliability of operations. The Adopted Budget includes \$14.6 million for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of these water management facilities to ensure optimal condition during a major weather event. Also included is \$2.2 million for the management, maintenance, and improvement of District canals, dam embankments, and culverts; as well as

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\$271,777 for the management of nuisance aquatic vegetation at these facilities and infrastructure, which can exacerbate flooding if not controlled.

**Emergency Flood Response** – Provide effective and efficient assistance to state and local governments and the public to minimize flood damage during and after major storm events, including operation of District flood control and water conservation structures.

Through its emergency flood response initiative, the District prepares for, responds to, recovers from, and mitigates the impacts of critical flooding incidents. To ensure adequate preparation, the District has developed an emergency operations program and maintains a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which provides guidelines for pre-incident preparation, post-incident response and recovery, deployment, and annual exercises. The District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Emergency Operations Organization are critical to incident response. The Adopted Budget includes \$247,410 for the support of the District's EOC. In the event of a disaster, or of an emergency arising to prevent or avert the same, the District's Governing Board is authorized under Section 373.536(4)(d), F.S., to expend available funds not included in the budget for such purposes. The Governing Board would then notify the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission as soon as practical but within 30 days of the Governing Board's action.

### **Natural Systems**

**\$49,494,682**

**Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs) Establishment and Monitoring** – Establish and monitor MFLs and, where necessary, develop and implement recovery/prevention strategies to recover water bodies and prevent significant harm.

The Adopted Budget includes \$1.8 million to support the establishment and evaluation of MFLs, including monitoring, mapping, research, hydrologic and biologic analysis, and peer review. Each year the District updates its priority list and schedule for MFLs and submits the list to the DEP for approval. A few of the District's established MFLs are not currently being met; and, in accordance with Section 373.042, F.S., the District is implementing recovery strategies to return these water bodies to an acceptable hydrologic condition. There is \$879,609 in the budget for MFL recovery activities, which are also supported by conservation, AWS, indirect data collection, development of groundwater models, watershed management planning, and research. The District's CUP program contributes to MFL recovery with \$1.2 million of the \$4.3 million in the budget benefitting natural systems, by ensuring that authorized water withdrawals do not exceed the criteria established in Rules 40D-8 and 40D-80, Florida Administrative Code for water bodies with adopted MFLs.

**Conservation and Restoration** – Restoration and management of natural ecosystems for the benefit of water and water-related resources.

The District develops information through various data collection efforts, including surface water flows and levels (\$4.8 million), seagrass and submerged aquatic vegetation mapping (\$937,459), and wetlands monitoring (\$170,007). While these efforts primarily assist in protecting natural systems, they also provide secondary benefits in other areas of responsibility. Aerial orthoimagery is managed as part of the District's geographic information system which includes a broad assemblage of other geographic data that are used for District purposes and made available to other government agencies and the public. The Adopted Budget includes \$1.1 million for the ongoing management of these spatial data.

The District manages approximately 459,000 acres of conservation lands for the statutorily-mandated purposes of protecting and restoring their natural condition and where appropriate, providing for compatible recreational uses for the public. Of this total acreage, approximately 116,000 acres are conservation easements. In the Adopted Budget, \$5.9 million is for the District's land management program. This includes activities such as prescribed burning, fencing, exotic plant control, road

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maintenance, and feral hog control on these properties along with upland restoration where natural conditions have been impacted by historic uses. These restoration efforts maximize the conservation benefit of these upland ecosystems.

Surface water restoration benefiting natural systems is achieved primarily through the SWIM, CFI, and land management programs (\$1.3 million of the \$1.7 million in the Adopted Budget). Natural systems restoration also occurs through District mitigation and ongoing maintenance and monitoring for the Florida Department of Transportation (\$862,640) to offset the adverse wetland impacts of transportation projects. The ERP program ensures that the natural functions of wetlands are protected from the impacts of land development (\$3.4 million of the \$10.4 million in the Adopted Budget).

### **Mission Support**

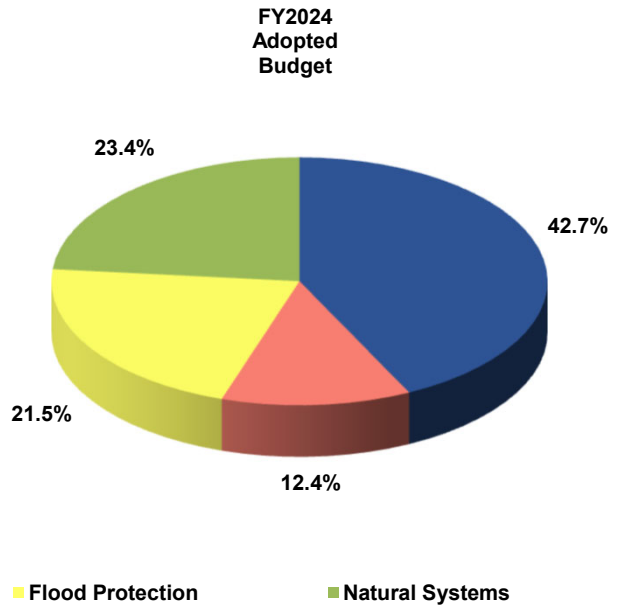
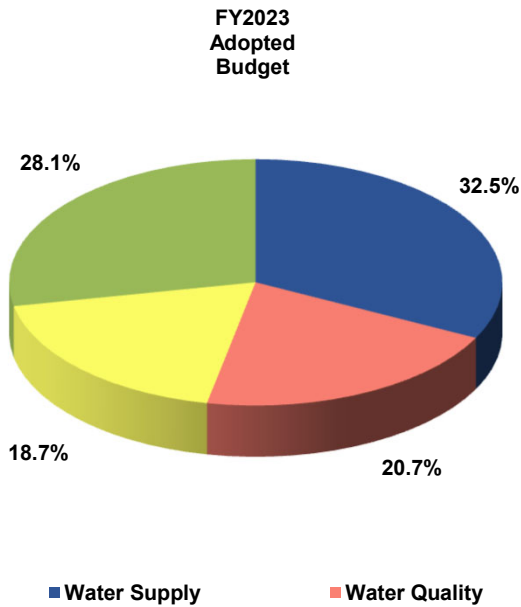
**\$13,760,394**

Mission Support, also known as Management and Administration, trains and equips District employees to achieve the District's strategic initiatives in a cost-efficient and effective manner. These strategies ensure District operations remain strategically aligned and fiscally responsible. Mission Support (\$10.6 million) includes Executive, General Counsel, Inspector General, Finance, Risk Management, Document Services, Procurement, Human Resources, and Information Technology. In addition, the District pays commissions to the offices of the Property Appraisers and Tax Collectors of each county within the District for services rendered. The Adopted Budget includes \$3.1 million for these commissions which are set by Florida Statutes and are non-negotiable.

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### BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	FY2023		FY2024		DIFFERENCE	
	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	INCREASE / (DECREASE)	% OF CHANGE
Water Supply	\$64,502,915	32.5%	\$90,149,983	42.7%	\$25,647,068	39.8%
Water Quality	41,142,293	20.7%	26,075,624	12.4%	(15,066,669)	(36.6%)
Flood Protection	37,227,151	18.7%	45,319,781	21.5%	8,092,630	21.7%
Natural Systems	55,850,857	28.1%	49,494,682	23.4%	(6,356,175)	(11.4%)
<b>Total (excluding Mission Support)</b>	<b>\$198,723,216</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$211,040,070</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$12,316,854</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
Mission Support	\$12,959,965		\$13,760,394		\$800,429	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$211,683,181</b>		<b>\$224,800,464</b>		<b>\$13,117,283</b>	<b>6.2%</b>



**Program and Activity Allocations by Area of Responsibility**

<b>Programs and Activities</b>	<b>FY2024 Adopted</b>	<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>Water Quality</b>	<b>Flood Protection</b>	<b>Natural Systems</b>
<b>1.0 - Water Resource Planning and Monitoring</b>	<b>\$38,379,208</b>	<b>\$9,610,700</b>	<b>\$5,584,068</b>	<b>\$12,337,024</b>	<b>\$10,847,416</b>
1.1 - District Water Management Planning	14,046,383				
1.1.1 - Water Supply Planning	734,692				
1.1.2 - Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels	1,761,536				
1.1.3 - Other Water Resources Planning	11,550,155				
1.2 - Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring	19,634,860				
1.3 - Technical Assistance	1,175,420				
1.5 - Technology & Information Services	3,522,545				
<b>2.0 - Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works</b>	<b>\$111,243,463</b>	<b>\$72,246,473</b>	<b>\$9,754,783</b>	<b>\$8,081,692</b>	<b>\$21,160,515</b>
2.1 - Land Acquisition	16,255,608				
2.2 - Water Source Development	75,133,897				
2.2.1 - Water Resource Development Projects	6,997,685				
2.2.2 - Water Supply Development Assistance	67,334,196				
2.2.3 - Other Water Source Development Activities	802,016				
2.3 - Surface Water Projects	17,941,599				
2.5 - Facilities Construction and Major Renovations	754,000				
2.7 - Technology & Information Services	1,158,359				
<b>3.0 - Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands</b>	<b>\$33,864,901</b>	<b>\$2,775,270</b>	<b>\$2,513,083</b>	<b>\$18,652,803</b>	<b>\$9,923,745</b>
3.1 - Land Management	5,901,567				
3.2 - Works	17,782,136				
3.3 - Facilities	3,350,368				
3.4 - Invasive Plant Control	446,026				
3.5 - Other Operation and Maintenance Activities	247,410				
3.6 - Fleet Services	3,876,187				
3.7 - Technology & Information Services	2,261,207				
<b>4.0 - Regulation</b>	<b>\$24,761,787</b>	<b>\$4,572,536</b>	<b>\$7,534,899</b>	<b>\$5,723,286</b>	<b>\$6,931,066</b>
4.1 - Consumptive Use Permitting	4,245,135				
4.2 - Water Well Construction, Permitting & Contractor Licensing	962,138				
4.3 - Environmental Resource & Surface Water Permitting	10,411,720				
4.4 - Other Regulatory and Enforcement Activities	3,019,899				
4.5 - Technology & Information Services	6,122,895				

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**Program and Activity Allocations by Area of Responsibility**

<b>Programs and Activities</b>	<b>FY2024 Adopted</b>	<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>Water Quality</b>	<b>Flood Protection</b>	<b>Natural Systems</b>
<b>5.0 - Outreach</b>	<b>\$2,790,711</b>	<b>\$945,004</b>	<b>\$688,791</b>	<b>\$524,976</b>	<b>\$631,940</b>
5.1 - Water Resource Education	938,806				
5.2 - Public Information	1,376,814				
5.4 - Lobbying/Legislative Affairs/Cabinet Affairs	144,728				
5.6 - Technology & Information Services	330,363				
<b><i>SUBTOTAL - Major Programs (excluding Management and Administration)</i></b>	<b>\$211,040,070</b>	<b>\$90,149,983</b>	<b>\$26,075,624</b>	<b>\$45,319,781</b>	<b>\$49,494,682</b>
<b>6.0 - Management and Administration</b>	<b>\$13,760,394</b>				
6.1 - Administrative & Operations Support	10,644,394				
6.1.1 - Executive Direction	1,355,835				
6.1.2 - General Counsel/Legal	1,010,692				
6.1.3 - Inspector General	259,835				
6.1.4 - Administrative Support	4,228,174				
6.1.6 - Procurement/Contract Administration	1,019,310				
6.1.7 - Human Resources	1,295,435				
6.1.9 - Technology & Information Services	1,475,113				
6.4 - Other (Tax Collector/Property Appraiser Fees)	3,116,000				
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>				

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### H. Adoption of Final Millage Rate and Budget Resolutions

#### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-08

#### ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND CERTIFICATION OF LEVY TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) by authority of Article VII, Section 9(b) of the Florida Constitution, and Chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, as amended, is authorized to levy ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the ensuing fiscal year of the District shall extend the period beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District has determined that a District millage rate as provided for in Sections 200.065, 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes, is necessary to provide funds for the budgeted expenditures of the District for fiscal year 2024 and should be levied in the amount set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, notices of proposed property taxes, advising of date, time, and place of the first public budget hearing, were prepared and mailed, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, by the county property appraisers of each county within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 12, 2023, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Office of the Governor has reviewed and approved the District's fiscal year 2024 budget pursuant to Section 373.536(5), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice of hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2024, and the adjacent notice meeting the budget summary requirements of Sections 129.03(3)(b) and 373.536(3)(d), Florida Statutes, were duly published, during the period beginning September 21, 2023, and ending September 24, 2023, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in newspapers of general circulation in each county within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the second public hearing on the final budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 26, 2023, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice, and at which the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage of increase over the rolled-back rate, and the millage rate to be levied were publicly announced, and the general public was allowed to ask questions and speak prior to the adoption of any measures.

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District by a vote of 10 in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ against and 2 not present:

That there is adopted and levied a millage rate, as provided for in Sections 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes, at the rolled-back rate and at less than the maximum millage rate established by Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, for fiscal year 2024, to be assessed on the tax rolls for the year 2023, for the purpose of levying a uniform ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the counties within the District as certified by the county property appraisers pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, excluding lands held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to the extent specified in Section 373.543, Florida Statutes, as follows:

<u>Taxing Authority</u>	<u>Rolled-Back Rate</u>	<u>Percentage of Increase Over Rolled-Back Rate</u>	<u>Final Millage Rate</u>	<u>Counties Applied To</u>
Southwest Florida Water Management District	0.2043	0%	0.2043	Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Sumter

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this twenty-sixth day of September 2023, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

E.D. Armstrong III, Chair

Attest:

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Jack Bispham, Treasurer

**II. Budget Highlights**

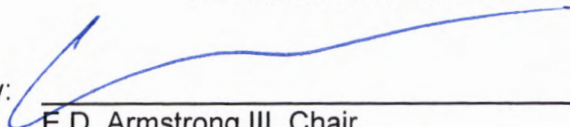
**CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION NO. 23-08**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

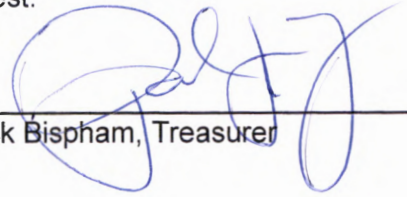
We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are, Chair and Treasurer, respectively, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida, and having its office and place of business at 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, and that, on the twenty-sixth day of September 2023, at a duly called and properly held hearing of the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, at which hearing a majority of the members of the Governing Board were present in person or via communications media technology, the resolution, which is attached hereto and which this certificate is a part thereof, was adopted and incorporated in the minutes of that hearing.

Dated at Tampa, Florida, this twenty-sixth day of September 2023.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By:   
E.D. Armstrong III, Chair

Attest:

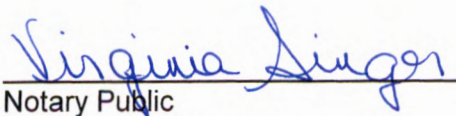
  
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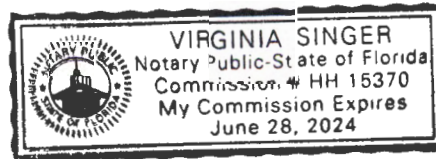
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this twenty-sixth day of September 2023, by E.D. Armstrong III and Jack Bispham, Chair and Treasurer, respectively, of the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, a public corporation, on behalf of the corporation. They are personally known to me.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this twenty-sixth day of September 2023.

  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires: June 28, 2024



## **II. Budget Highlights**

### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09**

#### **ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, as amended, require that the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) adopt a final budget for each fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District, after careful consideration and study, has caused to be prepared a final budget, including all items that are necessary and proper as provided by law for the District, for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, as provided for in Sections 200.065, 218.33 and 373.536, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District assigns a portion of the fund balance for commitments under contract for goods and services which remain uncompleted as of September 30, 2023, to be reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District assigns a portion of the fund balance to carry forward as designated by the Governing Board as of September 30, 2023, to be reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District assigns a portion of the fund balance to carry forward as designated by management in accordance with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy as of September 30, 2023, to be reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District has designated fund balance in accordance with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy that will not be appropriated for expenditure in the fiscal year 2024 budget. These balances totaling an estimated \$206,834,702, are classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, and assigned. Consistent with Governing Board Fund Balance Policy, the amounts committed for the Economic Stabilization Fund need to be reset each year through the budget resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, notices of proposed property taxes, advising of date, time, and place of the first public budget hearing, were prepared and mailed, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, by the county property appraisers of each county within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 12, 2023, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Executive Office of the Governor has reviewed and approved the District's fiscal year 2024 budget pursuant to Section 373.536(5), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice of hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2024, and the adjacent notice meeting the budget summary requirements of Sections 129.03(3)(b) and 373.536(3)(d), Florida Statutes, were duly published, during the period beginning September 21, 2023 and ending September 24, 2023, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in newspapers of general circulation in each county within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the second public hearing on the final budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 26, 2023, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice; and at which the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage of increase over the rolled-back rate, and the millage rate to be levied were publicly announced, and the general public was allowed to ask questions and speak prior to the adoption of any measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District, prior to adopting a final budget, has adopted Resolution No. 23-08, Adoption of Final Millage Rate and Certification of Levy to the County Property Appraisers for Fiscal Year 2024, which established the final millage levy for fiscal year 2024 as provided for in Sections 200.065, 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District:

1. That the attached budget is hereby adopted as the budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, as the operating and fiscal guide of the District.
2. That funds committed under contract for goods and services which remain uncompleted as of September 30, 2023, shall not lapse, but shall be automatically reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, as well as the source of funds anticipated to be used in completing these commitments.
3. That funds carried forward as designated by the Governing Board as of September 30, 2023, shall not lapse, but shall be automatically reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, as well as the source of funds anticipated to support these designations.
4. That funds carried forward as designated by management in accordance with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy as of September 30, 2023, shall not lapse, but shall be automatically reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, as well as the source of funds anticipated to support these designations.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District:

5. That the committed fund balance for the Economic Stabilization Fund is reset at \$37,500,000 as of September 30, 2023, equal to two months of the operating expenditures based on the fiscal year 2024 final budget consistent with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy.

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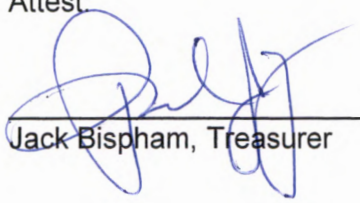
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this twenty-sixth day of September 2023, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: 

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E.D. Armstrong III, Chair

Attest:



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Jack Bispham, Treasurer

## II. Budget Highlights

### BUDGET SUMMARY

#### Southwest Florida Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2024

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		\$43,859,200	\$0	\$8,875,000	\$52,734,200
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>					
AD VALOREM TAXES	0.2043	\$115,489,530	\$0	\$10,500,500	\$125,990,030
OTHER REVENUES					
Permit and License Fees		2,274,617			2,274,617
Intergovernmental Revenue		28,744,451	856,866	1,200,000	30,801,317
Interest Earnings		12,400,000			12,400,000
Other		600,300			600,300
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>		<b>\$159,508,898</b>	<b>\$856,866</b>	<b>\$11,700,500</b>	<b>\$172,066,264</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>		<b>\$203,368,098</b>	<b>\$856,866</b>	<b>\$20,575,500</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE ASSIGNED FOR ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES</b>		<b>220,543,780</b>	<b>462,216</b>	<b>9,867,895</b>	<b>230,873,891</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>196,661,533</b>	<b>22,809</b>	<b>10,130,360</b>	<b>206,834,702</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$620,593,411</b>	<b>\$1,341,891</b>	<b>\$40,573,755</b>	<b>\$662,509,057</b>
<b>II. EXPENDITURES</b>					
WATER RESOURCE PLANNING & MONITORING		\$38,379,208	\$0	\$0	\$38,379,208
LAND ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		100,611,097	856,866	9,775,500	111,243,463
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WORKS & LANDS		23,064,901		10,800,000	33,864,901
REGULATION		24,761,787			24,761,787
OUTREACH		2,790,711			2,790,711
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		10,644,394			10,644,394
COMMISSIONS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS		3,116,000			3,116,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$203,368,098</b>	<b>\$856,866</b>	<b>\$20,575,500</b>	<b>\$224,800,464</b>
<b>ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES</b> (Carried forward and appropriated in fiscal year 2024)		<b>220,543,780</b>	<b>462,216</b>	<b>9,867,895</b>	<b>230,873,891</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED MODIFIED BUDGET</b>		<b>\$423,911,878</b>	<b>\$1,319,082</b>	<b>\$30,443,395</b>	<b>\$455,674,355</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS (not appropriated)</b>		<b>196,681,533</b>	<b>22,809</b>	<b>10,130,360</b>	<b>206,834,702</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$620,593,411</b>	<b>\$1,341,891</b>	<b>\$40,573,755</b>	<b>\$662,509,057</b>

*THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE  
IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.*



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**CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION NO. 23-09**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are, Chair and Treasurer, respectively, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida, and having its office and place of business at 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, and that, on the twenty-sixth day of September 2023, at a duly called and properly held hearing of the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, at which hearing a majority of the members of the Governing Board were present in person or via communications media technology, the resolution, which is attached hereto and which this certificate is a part thereof, was adopted and incorporated in the minutes of that hearing.

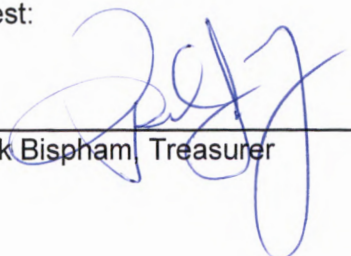
Dated at Tampa, Florida, this twenty-sixth day of September 2023.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

E.D. Armstrong III, Chair

Attest:

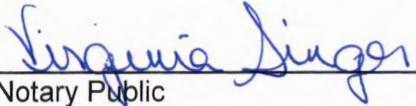
  
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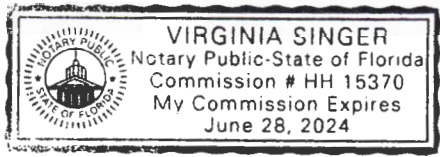
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this twenty-sixth day of September 2023, by E.D. Armstrong III and Jack Bispham, Chair and Treasurer, respectively, of the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, a public corporation, on behalf of the corporation. They are personally known to me.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this twenty-sixth day of September 2023.

  
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Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires: June 28, 2024



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### **III. Budget Details**

#### **A. Budget by Expenditure Category Schedules**

The following schedules detail the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Adopted budget by expenditure category, previously summarized in *Section II. Budget Highlights*. These schedules are intended to show staff's approach to pursue actions that further the District's mission and maintain the level of service outlined in the District's Strategic Plan. The Operating Budget identifies the fiscal requirements necessary to support continued management and protection of our region's water resources while addressing evolving challenges through the Project Budget. The Operating Budget schedules provide two-year budget comparisons, whereas the Project Budget schedules provide the budgeted and anticipated future funding requirements of each project.

### III. Budget Details

#### B. Workforce and Salaries & Benefits

Workforce				
Organizational Unit	Adopted FY2023	Adopted FY2024	Change From FY2023	Percent Change From FY2023
<b>Executive</b>	7	7	0	0.0%
<b>General Counsel</b>	14	15	1	7.1%
<b>Inspector General</b>	1	1	0	0.0%
<b>Resource Management</b>				
Natural Systems & Restoration	41	41	0	0.0%
Water Resources	25	25	0	0.0%
Engineering & Project Management	27	26	(1)	(3.7%)
<b>Total Resource Management:</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1.1%)</b>
<b>Operations, Lands &amp; Resource Monitoring</b>				
Operations	56	56	0	0.0%
Data Collection	77	77	0	0.0%
Land Resources	22	22	0	0.0%
<b>Total Operations, Lands &amp; Resource Monitoring:</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Regulation</b>				
Environmental Resource Permit	64	64	0	0.0%
Water Use Permit	34	34	0	0.0%
Regulatory Support	53	53	0	0.0%
<b>Total Regulation:</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Employee, Outreach &amp; General Services</b>				
Ombudsman	1	1	0	0.0%
Government & Community Affairs	8	8	0	0.0%
Human Resources	11	11	0	0.0%
General Services	45	45	0	0.0%
Communications & Board Services	20	20	0	0.0%
<b>Total Employee, Outreach &amp; General Services:</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Business &amp; Information Technology Services</b>				
Information Technology	48	48	0	0.0%
Finance	21	21	0	0.0%
Procurement Services	8	8	0	0.0%
<b>Total Business &amp; Information Technology Services:</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Workforce</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Salaries & Benefits				
Category	Adopted FY2023	Adopted FY2024	Change From FY2023	Percent Change From FY2023
Regular Salaries and Wages	\$39,535,272	\$40,898,169	\$1,362,897	3.4%
Student Internship Program	537,783	546,371	8,588	1.6%
Overtime	171,000	200,000	29,000	17.0%
Employer Paid FICA Taxes	3,065,576	3,170,511	104,935	3.4%
Retirement	5,153,838	6,084,145	930,307	18.1%
Self-Funded Medical	10,305,891	10,640,609	334,718	3.2%
Non-Medical Insurance Premiums	637,381	636,501	(880)	(0.1%)
Workers' Compensation	275,500	275,500	0	0.0%
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$59,682,241</b>	<b>\$62,451,806</b>	<b>\$2,769,565</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

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#### C. Operating Expenses

Category	Adopted FY2023	Adopted FY2024	Change From FY2023	Percent Change From FY2023	Cumulative Percent
Software Licensing and Maintenance	\$4,107,477	\$4,081,595	(\$25,882)	(0.6%)	23.73%
Property Tax Commissions	3,090,000	3,090,000	0	0.0%	41.69%
Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Structures	1,210,900	1,383,500	172,600	14.3%	49.73%
Parts and Supplies	1,064,157	1,089,937	25,780	2.4%	56.06%
Insurance and Bonds	768,675	926,810	158,135	20.6%	61.45%
Fuels and Lubricants	800,000	800,000	0	0.0%	66.10%
Utilities	726,900	788,900	62,000	8.5%	70.69%
Maintenance and Repair of Equipment	762,442	788,360	25,918	3.4%	75.27%
Non-Capital Equipment	598,405	697,185	98,780	16.5%	79.32%
Travel - Staff Duties and Training	544,110	595,695	51,585	9.5%	82.78%
Telephone and Communications	504,259	547,114	42,855	8.5%	85.96%
Janitorial Services	266,000	266,000	0	0.0%	87.51%
Printing and Reproduction	267,111	233,811	(33,300)	(12.5%)	88.87%
Rental of Other Equipment	227,941	167,100	(60,841)	(26.7%)	89.84%
Postage and Courier Services	160,000	157,000	(3,000)	(1.9%)	90.75%
District Land Maintenance Materials	95,000	150,000	55,000	57.9%	91.63%
Micro/Digital Imaging Services	78,000	104,000	26,000	33.3%	92.23%
Tires and Tubes	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%	92.81%
Employee Awards and Activities	90,000	91,000	1,000	1.1%	93.34%
Tuition Reimbursement	90,000	90,000	0	0.0%	93.86%
Fees Associated with Financial Activities	87,000	90,000	3,000	3.4%	94.39%
Books, Subscriptions and Data	79,606	86,244	6,638	8.3%	94.89%
Advertising and Public Notices	81,650	86,200	4,550	5.6%	95.39%
Chemical Supplies	82,500	86,050	3,550	4.3%	95.89%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	134,000	80,000	(54,000)	(40.3%)	96.35%
Uniform Program	50,000	67,500	17,500	35.0%	96.75%
Memberships and Dues	71,334	66,112	(5,222)	(7.3%)	97.13%
Laboratory Supplies & Sampling	63,000	63,000	0	0.0%	97.50%
Lease of Inside Equipment	60,405	60,405	0	0.0%	97.85%
Safety Supplies	53,650	58,200	4,550	8.5%	98.19%
Lease of Tower Space	48,337	49,788	1,451	3.0%	98.48%
Office Supplies	44,560	46,460	1,900	4.3%	98.75%
Recording and Court Costs	31,850	44,350	12,500	39.2%	99.00%
Education Support	42,060	43,060	1,000	2.4%	99.25%
Lease of Buildings	32,574	32,574	0	0.0%	99.44%
Professional Licenses	26,529	23,829	(2,700)	(10.2%)	99.58%
Miscellaneous Permits and Fees	29,700	17,700	(12,000)	(40.4%)	99.68%
Taxes	20,250	17,550	(2,700)	(13.3%)	99.79%
Moving Expenses	14,000	14,000	0	0.0%	99.87%
Rental of Buildings and Properties	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%	99.93%
Promotions	5,995	6,000	5	0.1%	99.96%
Vehicle Registrations and Fees	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	99.98%
Public Meetings	3,650	2,145	(1,505)	(41.2%)	99.99%
Central Garage Charges for Reimbursable Programs	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,628,527</b>	<b>\$17,203,674</b>	<b>\$575,147</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	

### III. Budget Details

#### D. Contracted Services for Operations

Category	Adopted FY2023	Adopted FY2024	Change From FY2023	Percent Change From FY2023	Cumulative Percent
Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring	\$3,282,660	\$3,509,525	\$226,865	6.9%	31.23%
Technology and Information Services	1,365,825	1,851,000	485,175	35.5%	47.69%
Land Management and Use	1,713,821	1,812,522	98,701	5.8%	63.82%
Works of the District (i.e., structures, canals, dams, culverts)	1,265,500	1,094,800	(170,700)	(13.5%)	73.56%
Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs)	415,500	801,500	386,000	92.9%	80.69%
Regulation Permitting	598,875	718,989	120,114	20.1%	87.09%
Facility Operations and Maintenance	22,750	222,750	200,000	879.1%	89.07%
Water Supply Planning	179,000	205,450	26,450	14.8%	90.90%
Legal Services	180,000	180,000	0	0.0%	92.50%
Financial Services	149,500	163,250	13,750	9.2%	93.95%
Human Resources	183,000	144,000	(39,000)	(21.3%)	95.24%
Independent Annual Financial Audit	100,000	108,000	8,000	8.0%	96.20%
Emergency Management	109,200	107,500	(1,700)	(1.6%)	97.15%
Procurement/Contract Administration	135,000	85,000	(50,000)	(37.0%)	97.91%
Lobbying and Legislative Support	20,000	60,000	40,000	200.0%	98.44%
Public Information	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%	98.89%
Invasive Plant Control	35,000	30,000	(5,000)	(14.3%)	99.15%
Inspector General Auditing Assistance	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%	99.42%
Risk Management	32,000	25,000	(7,000)	(21.9%)	99.64%
Board and Executive Services	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%	99.87%
Project Management Support	9,000	9,000	0	0.0%	99.95%
Real Estate Services	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%	100.00%
Watershed Management Planning	400,000	0	(400,000)	(100.0%)	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,307,631</b>	<b>\$11,239,286</b>	<b>\$931,655</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	

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#### E. Operating Capital Outlay

Category	Adopted FY2023	Adopted FY2024	Change From FY2023	Percent Change From FY2023
Information Technology Equipment <sup>(1)</sup>	\$210,400	\$616,550	\$406,150	193.0%
Inside Equipment excluding Information Technology <sup>(2)</sup>	270,000	6,000	(264,000)	(97.8%)
Outside Equipment <sup>(3)</sup>	27,400	108,340	80,940	295.4%
Capital Lease/Financed Equipment <sup>(4)</sup>	234,437	122,509	(111,928)	(47.7%)
Vehicles <sup>(5)</sup>	729,000	937,900	208,900	28.7%
Capital Field Equipment Fund <sup>(6)</sup>	800,000	1,000,000	200,000	25.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,271,237</b>	<b>\$2,791,299</b>	<b>\$520,062</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>FY2024 Line Item Detail</b>				
<b><sup>(1)</sup> Information Technology Equipment</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>		<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Data Center Unified Computing System Hardware	Information Technology		N/A	\$300,000
Storage Expansion	Information Technology		N/A	150,000
Enterprise Servers	Information Technology		N/A	50,000
Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Expansion Hardware	Mapping & GIS		N/A	50,000
Large Format Scanner for Electronic File Storage	Document Services		Replacement - 2	27,800
Production Scanners for Electronic File Storage	Document Services		Replacement - 2	15,800
MicroFilm Scanner for Electronic File Storage	Document Services		Replacement - 1	13,650
Modeling Personal Computer	Environmental Flows and Levels		Replacement - 1	9,300
<b>Total Information Technology Equipment:</b>				<b>\$616,550</b>
<b><sup>(2)</sup> Inside Equipment excluding Information Technology</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>		<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Analytical Balance/Scale	Chemistry Lab		Replacement - 1	\$6,000
<b>Total Inside Equipment excluding Information Technology:</b>				<b>\$6,000</b>
<b><sup>(3)</sup> Outside Equipment</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>		<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Rainfall Meter Sign	Communications		New - 2	\$45,340
Geophysical Probe	Geohydrologic Data		New - 3	19,000
Truck-Mounted Generator/Welder	Structure Operations		Replacement - 1	17,000
Meter Accuracy Testing Equipment	Water Supply		Replacement - 1	11,000
Small Diameter Downhole Camera	Geohydrologic Data		New - 1	10,000
Spray System	Vegetation Management		Replacement - 1	6,000
<b>Total Outside Equipment:</b>				<b>\$108,340</b>
<b><sup>(4)</sup> Capital Lease/Financed Equipment</b>				<b>Amount</b>
Five Heavy Equipment Transport Trucks (Year 6 of 6)				\$97,240
Unstructured Data Storage Equipment (Year 5 of 5)				25,269
<b>Total Capital Lease/Financed Equipment:</b>				<b>\$122,509</b>
<b><sup>(5)</sup> Vehicles</b>			<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<p>The District's criteria meets or exceeds the Department of Management Services vehicle replacement guidelines. <u>At minimum</u>, to qualify for replacement, a vehicle must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mileage exceeds 150,000,</li> <li>- Maintenance and repair costs exceed 40 percent of acquisition cost, or</li> <li>- Years in service exceeds 10</li> </ul> <p>The procurement of vehicles in excess of <b>13</b> units or additional funds required in excess of the budget of <b>\$937,900</b> are subject to adhering to the <i>Budget Authority Transfer of Funds</i> Governing Board Policy.</p>				
			<b>Total Vehicles: Replacement - 13</b>	<b>\$937,900</b>

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#### FY2024 Line Item Detail (cont'd)

##### **(6) Capital Field Equipment Fund**

The Capital Field Equipment Fund (CFEF) administers the acquisition, replacement, enhancement or reconditioning of District field equipment. The purpose of this fund is to manage these capitalized expenditures in a way that allows the District to conduct its business efficiently and effectively.

To qualify as a CFEF expenditure, the field equipment must meet the following criteria:

- Rolling stock (excluding vehicles less than 1.5 tons),
- Total estimated cost equal to or greater than \$5,000 including delivery, and
- Anticipated useful life of at least five years

Note: Attachments and modifications to equipment/vehicles greater than 1.5 ton can be included as a CFEF expenditure.

Each fiscal year-end, the District requests the Governing Board to approve the carry forward of remaining funds into the subsequent fiscal year for planned expenditures to occur in that fiscal year. Unplanned expenditures from the CFEF are subject to adhering to the *Budget Authority Transfer of Funds* Governing Board Policy.

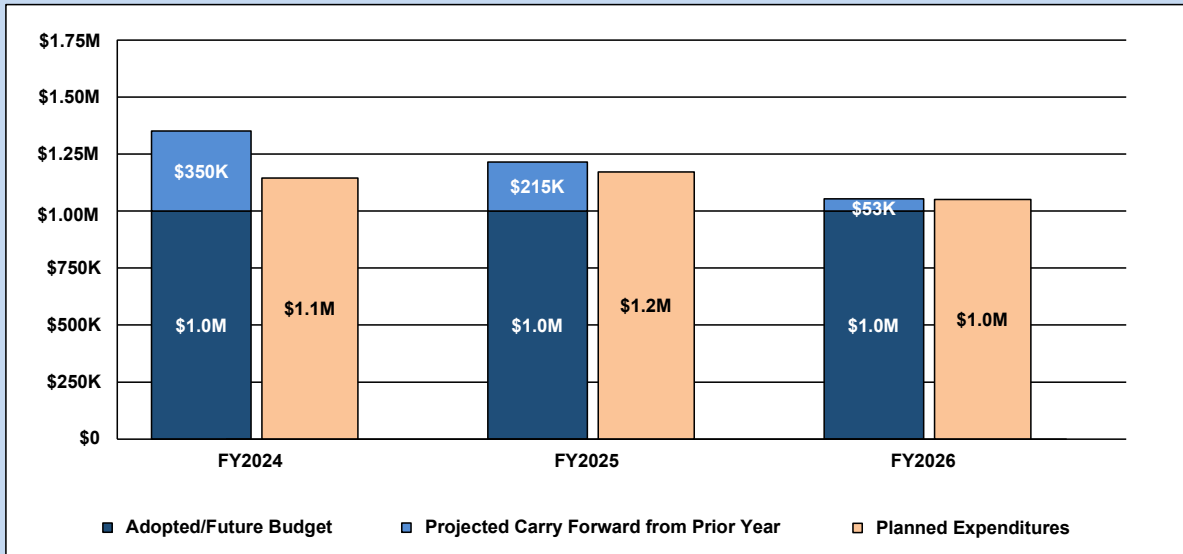
##### **FY2024 Estimated CFEF Resources**

FY2023 Fund Balance to Carry Forward into FY2024	350,299
Adopted FY2024 Budget	1,000,000
<b>Total FY2024 Estimated CFEF Resources:</b>	<b>\$1,350,299</b>

Planned Expenditures	Functional Area	Quantity	Amount
Agricultural Tractor	Field Operations	Replacement - 2	\$315,000
Construction Loader	Field Operations	Replacement - 1	200,000
Unimog	Field Operations	Replacement - 1	150,000
Class 8 Dump Truck	Field Operations	Replacement - 1	140,000
Air Boat	Vegetation Management	Replacement - 1	80,000
Bush Hog	Field Operations	Replacement - 2	50,000
Utility Terrain Vehicle	Facilities	Replacement - 2	40,000
Utility Terrain Vehicle	Land Management	Replacement - 2	34,000
Utility Terrain Vehicle	Hydrologic Data	Replacement - 1	28,000
All-Terrain Vehicle	Land Management	Replacement - 2	21,000
All-Terrain Vehicle	Vegetation Management	Replacement - 1	17,000
Golf Cart	Facilities	Replacement - 1	15,000
Golf Cart	Document Services	Replacement - 1	15,000
High Lift	Structures Operations	Replacement - 1	15,000
Flatbed Trailer	Geohydrologic Data	Replacement - 1	9,500
Light Tower	Structures Operations	Replacement - 1	6,000
<b>Total FY2024 Planned Expenditures:</b>			<b>\$1,135,500</b>

**Estimated FY2024 Fund Balance for Planned Expenditures in Subsequent Fiscal Year: \$214,799**

#### Capital Field Equipment Fund Projections





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#### F. Contracted Services for District Projects

Project	Project Name	FY2024 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
<b><u>Water Body Protection &amp; Restoration Planning</u></b>			
W020	Tampa Bay Protection & Restoration Planning	\$90,000	Annual Request
W420	Rainbow River Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual Request
W451	Crystal River/Kings Bay Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual Request
W501	Charlotte Harbor Protection & Restoration Planning	90,000	Annual Request
W601	Sarasota Bay Protection & Restoration Planning	90,000	Annual Request
W751	Lake Thonotosassa Protection & Restoration Planning	100,000	Annual Request
WC01	Chassahowitzka Springs Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual Request
WH01	Homosassa Springs Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual Request
WW01	Weeki Wachee Springs Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Water Body Protection &amp; Restoration Planning:</b>		<b>\$620,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Watershed Management Planning</u></b>			
P239	Itchepackesassa Creek Watershed Management Plan	\$200,000	\$0
P283	Watershed Management Program Technical Support	100,000	Annual Request
P409	Big Slough Watershed Management Plan Update	150,000	850,000
P733	Tsala Apopka Outlet Watershed Management Plan	150,000	750,000
<b>Total Watershed Management Planning:</b>		<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>
<b><u>Ground Water Levels Data</u></b>			
P623	Southern Water Use Caution Area/Most Impacted Area Saltwater Intrusion Model	\$410,000	\$0
<b>Total Ground Water Levels Data:</b>		<b>\$410,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Surface Water Flows &amp; Levels Data</u></b>			
P298	Gum Slough Springs Model Development	\$150,000	\$0
P306	Crystal River/Kings Bay Model Development	280,000	0
P307	Rainbow River Model Development	200,000	300,000
P308	Alafia River Model Development	590,000	505,000
P310	Lake Hancock Reservation Reevaluation Model Development	250,000	0
P371	Lake Level Model Development	85,000	0
<b>Total Surface Water Flows &amp; Levels Data:</b>		<b>\$1,555,000</b>	<b>\$805,000</b>
<b><u>Meteorologic/Geologic/Biologic Data</u></b>			
C005	Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling Program	\$54,225	Annual Request
C007	Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling Program within the Central Florida Water Initiative	134,738	Annual Request
B028	Habitat Suitability Curve Analysis	59,800	0

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Project	Project Name	FY2024 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
P088	Central Florida Water Initiative Data, Monitoring and Investigations Team Technical Support	65,000	Annual Request
WS01	Springs Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Mapping and Evaluation	250,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Meteorologic/Geologic/Biologic Data:</b>		<b>\$563,763</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Mapping &amp; Survey Control</u></b>			
B219	Land Use/Land Cover Mapping Based on Aerial Orthophoto Maps	\$16,275	Annual Request
<b>Total Mapping &amp; Survey Control:</b>		<b>\$16,275</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Research</u></b>			
B136	Florida Auto Weather Network Data and Education	\$100,000	Annual Request
B424	Water-Nutrient Smart Production Systems with Compact Bed Geometry Technology: Water, Production and Economics	170,000	79,000
B425	Topdressing Lawns for Reduced Irrigation	23,000	0
<b>Total Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Research:</b>		<b>\$293,000</b>	<b>\$79,000</b>
<b><u>Land Acquisition</u></b>			
SZ00	Surplus Lands Assessment Program	\$127,500	Annual Request
<b>Total Land Acquisition:</b>		<b>\$127,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Aquifer Storage &amp; Recovery Feasibility and Pilot Testing</u></b>			
P189	Aquifer Recharge Testing at Flatford Swamp	\$275,000	\$0
<b>Total Aquifer Storage &amp; Recovery Feasibility and Pilot Testing:</b>		<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems</u></b>			
P429	FARMS Meter Accuracy Support	\$12,500	Annual Request
<b>Total Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems:</b>		<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFL) Recovery</u></b>			
H400	Lower Hillsborough River Recovery Strategy Implementation	\$40,000	Annual Request
H404	Lower Hillsborough River Recovery Strategy Morris Bridge Sink	165,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFL) Recovery:</b>		<b>\$205,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Conservation Rebates and Retrofits</u></b>			
P964	Water Use Evaluations for Non-Agricultural Users	\$28,400	\$0
<b>Total Conservation Rebates and Retrofits:</b>		<b>\$28,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Water Supply Development Assistance Support</u></b>			
P542	Evaluation of Metrics for Cooperative Funding Initiative Projects	\$41,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Water Supply Development Assistance Support:</b>		<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Quality of Water Improvement Program - Well Plugging</u></b>			
B099	Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)	\$25,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Quality of Water Improvement Program - Well Plugging:</b>		<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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Project	Project Name	FY2024 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
<b>Stormwater Improvements – Water Quality</b>			
H014	Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment System	\$18,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Stormwater Improvements – Water Quality:</b>		<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Restoration Initiatives</b>			
P380	Restoration Project Site Assessments	\$100,000	Annual Request
SA68	Terra Ceia Huber Restoration Establishment	70,000	70,000
SA81	Rock Ponds Restoration Establishment	175,000	175,000
W204	Cypress Creek Hydrologic Restoration and Upland Enhancement	150,000	0
W312	Tampa Bay Habitat Restoration Regional Coordination	40,000	Annual Request
W519	Rstr - Flatford Swamp Assesment	200,000	0
<b>Total Restoration Initiatives:</b>		<b>\$735,000</b>	<b>\$245,000</b>
<b>Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation</b>			
D040	FDOT Mitigation Maintenance & Monitoring	\$701,000	Annual Request
D999	FDOT Mitigation Program Development, Planning & Support	50,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation:</b>		<b>\$751,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Land Management &amp; Use</b>			
SI08	Green Swamp West Road & Culvert Replacement	\$75,000	\$0
SL09	Starkey Anclote Ranch Easement Access Road	100,000	0
SL99	USDA Old World Climbing Fern Bio-Control	80,000	80,000
SN99	USDA Cogon Grass Bio-Control	40,000	80,000
<b>Total Land Management &amp; Use:</b>		<b>\$295,000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>
<b>Structure Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>			
B888	Engineering Services for Water Control Structures	\$600,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Structure Operation &amp; Maintenance:</b>		<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Use Permitting</b>			
P243	Districtwide Regulation Model Steady State & Transient Calibrations	\$60,000	\$0
P443	Dover/Plant City Automatic Meter Reading Program	133,485	0
<b>Total Water Use Permitting:</b>		<b>\$193,485</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Resource Education</b>			
B277	Florida Water Star Builder Conservation Education Program	\$32,300	Annual Request
P259	Youth Water Resources Education Program	18,525	Annual Request
P268	Public Water Resources Education Program	5,000	Annual Request

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<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>FY2024 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Total Future Funding</b>
P269	Conservation Education Program	20,000	Annual Request
W466	Springs Protection Outreach Program	30,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Water Resource Education:</b>		<b>\$105,825</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Contracted Services for District Projects:</b>		<b>\$7,470,748</b>	<b>\$2,889,000</b>

**G. Cooperative Funding and District Grants**

Project	Cooperator	Project Name	Priority	FY2024 Adopted District Share by Region				FY2024 Adopted Budget			Total Future Funding
				Heartland	Northern	Southern	Tampa Bay	District	Outside Revenue	Total Budget	
<b><i>Cooperative Funding Projects</i></b>											
Q272	PRMRWSA	AWS - PRMRWSA Peace River Regional Reservoir No. 3	AWS	\$0	\$0	\$15,057,867	\$0	\$15,057,867	\$0	\$15,057,867	\$97,017,133
Q313	PRMRWSA	Interconnects - PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3C	AWS	-	-	10,744,319	-	10,744,319	-	10,744,319	13,305,681
Q355	PRMRWSA	Interconnects - PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 2B	AWS	-	-	13,896,094	-	13,896,094	-	13,896,094	20,353,906
Q241	TBW	Interconnects - TBW Southern Hillsborough County Transmission Expansion	AWS	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	132,694,793
<b>Total AWS Priority Projects:</b>				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,698,280</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$44,698,280</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$44,698,280</b>	<b>\$263,371,513</b>
Q230	Marion Co	WMP - Gum Swamp & Big Jones Creek Watershed Management Plan Update	1A	\$0	\$126,875	\$0	\$0	\$126,875	\$126,875	\$253,750	\$126,875
Q231	Marion Co	WMP - Rainbow River Watershed Management Plan Update	1A	-	205,000	-	-	205,000	205,000	410,000	205,200
Q330	Marion Co	WMP - West Central Marion Watershed Management Plan	1A	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	100,000	200,000	200,000
Q050	Venice	ASR - City of Venice Reclaimed Water ASR	1A	-	-	212,376	-	212,376	-	212,376	-
Q315	Manatee Co	WMP - Piney Pointe, Bishops Harbor and Curiosity Creek WMP	1A	-	-	360,375	-	360,375	360,375	720,750	-
Q325	Manatee Co	WMP - Buffalo Canal/Frog Creek WMP	1A	-	-	232,500	-	232,500	232,500	465,000	-
Q329	Manatee Co	WMP - Cedar Hammock West and South and Palma Sola WMP	1A	-	-	209,250	-	209,250	209,250	418,500	-
Q347	Manatee Co	WMP - Braden River WMP Update	1A	-	-	569,625	-	569,625	569,625	1,139,250	-
W105	Holmes Bch	SW IMP - Water Quality - Central Holmes Beach BMPs - Phases F, G, and H	1A	-	-	256,250	-	256,250	-	256,250	-
N850	Pasco Co	SW IMP - Flood Protection - Sea Pines Neighborhood Flood Abatement	1A	-	-	-	550,000	550,000	-	550,000	250,000
N865	Pasco Co	SW IMP - Flood Protection - Magnolia Valley Storage and Wetland Enhancement	1A	-	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	538,450
N949	Tampa	SW IMP - Flood Protection - Southeast Seminole Heights Flood Relief	1A	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
Q190	Tampa	SW IMP - Flood Protection - Lower Peninsula Stormwater Improvements - Southeast Region	1A	-	-	-	3,232,500	3,232,500	-	3,232,500	-

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Project	Cooperator	Project Name	Priority	FY2024 Adopted District Share by Region					FY2024 Adopted Budget			Total Future Funding
				Heartland	Northern	Southern	Tampa Bay	District	Outside Revenue	Total Budget		
<b><i>Cooperative Funding Projects</i></b>												
Q225	Pasco Co	SW IMP - Flood Protection - Lafitte Drive	1A	-	-	-	900,000	900,000	-	900,000	731,417	
Q233	Pinellas Co	Study - Clearwater Harbor/St Joseph Sound Nitrogen Source Identification	1A	-	-	-	75,000	75,000	-	75,000	50,000	
Q337	Hillsborough Co	WMP - Hillsborough County Watershed BMP Alternatives Analysis	1A	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	250,000	
<b>Total 1A Priority Projects:</b>				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$431,875</b>	<b>\$1,840,376</b>	<b>\$9,007,500</b>	<b>\$11,279,751</b>	<b>\$1,803,625</b>	<b>\$13,083,376</b>	<b>\$2,351,942</b>	
Q371	Polk Co Utilities	Conservation - Polk County Irrigation System Evaluation Program, Phase 8	CFI	\$72,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$72,500	\$0	\$72,500	\$0	
Q373	Polk Co Natural Resources	WMP - Lake Hancock Watershed Management Plan	CFI	1,250,000	-	-	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000	-	
Q357	City of Anna Maria	SW IMP - Water Quality - Anna Maria BMPs Phase N	CFI	-	-	434,990	-	434,990	-	434,990	-	
Q387	City of St. Petersburg	Conservation - St. Petersburg Sensible Sprinkling Program, Phase 11	CFI	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	-	
Q391	Pasco Co	WMP - Trout Creek Watershed Management Plan Update	CFI	-	-	-	385,000	385,000	385,000	770,000	-	
W024	TBEP	FY2024 Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund	CFI	-	-	-	350,000	350,000	-	350,000	-	
<b>Total CFI Priority Projects:</b>				<b>\$1,322,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$434,990</b>	<b>\$785,000</b>	<b>\$2,542,490</b>	<b>\$1,635,000</b>	<b>\$4,177,490</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Total Cooperative Funding Projects:</b>				<b>\$1,322,500</b>	<b>\$431,875</b>	<b>\$41,973,646</b>	<b>\$14,792,500</b>	<b>\$58,520,521</b>	<b>\$3,438,625</b>	<b>\$61,959,146</b>	<b>\$265,723,455</b>	

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Project	Project Name	FY2024 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
<b><u>District Grants</u></b>			
<b><u>Water Body Protection &amp; Restoration Planning</u></b>			
W027	Tampa Bay Estuary Program - Comprehensive Management Plan Development and Implementation	\$202,505	\$405,010
W526	Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership - Comprehensive Management Plan Development and Implementation	130,000	Annual Request
W612	Sarasota Bay Estuary Program - Comprehensive Management Plan Development and Implementation	133,000	0
<b>Total Water Body Protection &amp; Restoration Planning:</b>		<b>\$465,505</b>	<b>\$405,010</b>
<b><u>Watershed Management Planning</u></b>			
B087	Florida Flood Hub	\$50,000	\$100,000
<b>Total Watershed Management Planning:</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b><u>Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems</u></b>			
H015	Wells with Poor Water Quality in the Southern Water Use Caution Area Back-Plugging Program	\$20,000	Annual Request
H017	Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems Program	4,000,000	Annual Request
H529	Mini-FARMS Program	500,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems:</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Conservation Rebates and Retrofits</u></b>			
B015	Water Incentives Supporting Efficiency Program	\$225,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Conservation Rebates and Retrofits:</b>		<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Other Water Supply Development Assistance</u></b>			
H103	Water Supply & Water Resource Development Grant Program	\$20,000,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Other Water Supply Development Assistance:</b>		<b>\$20,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Well Plugging</u></b>			
B099	Quality of Water Improvement Program	\$620,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Well Plugging:</b>		<b>\$620,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Springs - Water Quality</u></b>			
H104	Springs Initiative Grant Program	\$4,000,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Springs - Water Quality:</b>		<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Water Resource Education</u></b>			
P259	Youth Water Resources Education Program	\$530,000	Annual Request
P268	Public Water Resources Education Program	5,000	Annual Request
<b>Total Water Resource Education:</b>		<b>\$535,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total District Grants:</b>		<b>\$30,415,505</b>	<b>\$505,010</b>
<b>Total Cooperative Funding Projects and District Grants:</b>		<b>\$92,374,651</b>	<b>\$266,228,465</b>

### III. Budget Details

#### H. Fixed Capital Outlay

Project	Project Name	FY2024 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
<b>Land Acquisition</b>			
C005/ C007	Data Collection Site Acquisitions	\$150,000	\$600,000
S097	Florida Forever Work Plan Land Purchases	15,600,000	0
<b>Total Land Acquisition:</b>		<b>\$15,750,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>District Facilities</b>			
C219	Districtwide HVAC, Pavement and Roof Renovations	\$602,500	\$243,000
C223	Quick Change Oil Evacuation System	150,000	0
<b>Total District Facilities:</b>		<b>\$752,500</b>	<b>\$243,000</b>
<b>Land Management</b>			
SA12	Establishment of Campground Host Site at Potts Preserve	\$16,500	\$0
SK04/ SH08	Pole Barn for Heavy Equipment Storage at Green Swamp East and West	35,000	35,000
SM04	Hampton Tract Security Site Improvements at Green Swamp East	25,000	0
<b>Total Land Management:</b>		<b>\$76,500</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>Works of the District (i.e., structures, canals, dams, culverts)</b>			
B67H	Flood Control Structure Gate Replacement and Drum & Cable Conversions	\$7,250,000	\$22,180,000
C687	Water Control Structures Control System Replacements	250,000	2,150,000
C689	Lake Hancock Wetland Treatment System Remote Operation	148,000	0
C691	S-551 Flood Control Structure Cathodic Protection System	800,000	0
C692	S-160 Flood Control Structure Cathodic Protection System	2,500,000	0
<b>Total Works of the District (i.e., structures, canals, dams, culverts):</b>		<b>\$10,948,000</b>	<b>\$24,330,000</b>
<b>Well Construction</b>			
C005/ C007	Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling Program	\$3,742,000	\$7,285,000
<b>Total Well Construction:</b>		<b>\$3,742,000</b>	<b>\$7,285,000</b>
<b>Total Fixed Capital Outlay:</b>		<b>\$31,269,000</b>	<b>\$32,493,000</b>