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September 23, 2016

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
Plaza Level, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Northwest Florida Water Management District
Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

Dear Governor Scott:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits its adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Budget, in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 22, 2016, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$62.2 million budget, which uses the roll-back millage rate for taxpayers while maintaining a focus on priority areas including springs protection; the development of minimum flows and levels for the region's vital springs and aquifers; water supply grant assistance to local communities; and protection of the Apalachicola River and Bay.

The District's budget is comprised of a combination of ad valorem revenue, state and federal funding, and other revenues, including timber sales. The District also continues to direct significant levels of state revenue appropriated during prior fiscal years to fund key water resource protection projects.

The District's budget is built on a foundation of projects that are directly in line with its statutory mission of water supply, water quality, natural systems, and flood protections, including:

- \$31.5 million for Springs Projects. This funding will enable the District to implement springs restoration projects for Wakulla Spring, Jackson Blue Spring, and springs associated with the Holmes and Econfina creek systems.
- \$9.5 million for Water Supply and Water Resource Development Assistance to continue support for cooperative grant projects across northwest Florida. This funding also supports the collaborative efforts with Bay County, Gulf Power, and Panama City to expand reclaimed water use in Bay County.

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- \$2.0 million for monitoring and technical assessments to develop MFLs for the St. Marks River Rise, Wakulla Spring, Sally Ward Spring, Jackson Blue Spring, the Floridan aquifer in coastal Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties, and the Lower Yellow and Shoal River system.
- \$2.0 million for Watershed Restoration. This funding will facilitate continued efforts to protect and restore water quality and estuarine habitats in the Apalachicola River and Bay system through the implementation of cooperative stormwater retrofit projects and other best management practices. This funding will also support focused project planning to benefit watersheds across northwest Florida.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2016-2017 Budget. If I can be of any assistance or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc:

The Honorable Andy Gardiner, President, Florida Senate

The Honorable Steve Crisafulli, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives

The Honorable Tom Lee, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Alan Hays, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

The Honorable Charles Dean, Sr., Chair, Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Matt Caldwell, Chair House State Affairs Committee

The Honorable Tom Goodson, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Executive Office of the Governor

Jonathan P. Steverson, Secretary, Florida Department of Environment Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2016-2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Lands Management	Special Projects	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	17,998,876	395,702	3,551,868	1,335,414	1,523,663	1,479,399	26,284,922
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>							
Ad Valorem Taxes .0366	1,134,841		406,432	7,510	1,864,748		3,413,531
State Water Management Lands TF				978,978			978,978
Land Acquisition Trust Fund		10,161,786	1,484,782	16,725,530			28,372,098
State Florida Forever Trust Fund		372,480					372,480
State Ecosystem Trust Fund				155,313			155,313
Permitting and Licensing					393,250		393,250
Federal Grants				2,879,250			2,879,250
Other State Funds	99,363	300,000	155,000	8,738,437	2,236,492	1,182,784	12,712,076
Local Government Units-Monitoring				142,417			142,417
Timber Sales			1,500,000				1,500,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			111,225	605,960	13,750	40,000	770,935
Revenue	1,234,204	10,834,266	3,657,439	30,233,395	4,508,240	1,222,784	51,690,328
Interfund Transfers	2,702,436	144,499		680,101			3,527,036
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	21,935,516	11,374,467	7,209,307	32,248,910	6,031,903	2,702,183	81,502,286
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>							
Salaries & Benefits	1,838,435	26,985	1,252,766	2,231,200	2,651,425	350,835	8,351,646
Other Personal Services	13,090		37,159	42,339	256,453	5,879	354,920
Contractual Services	210,327	75,750	1,066,718	5,545,041	186,121	703,882	7,787,839
Operating Expenses	617,425	3,600	839,485	434,003	653,511	78,808	2,626,832
Capital Outlay	135,772	10,494,068	232,961	260,381	126,922	5,630	11,255,734
Grants and Aids (Gen Fund is from reserves)	8,985,183	372,480	8,000	22,491,125			31,856,788
Total Operating Expenditures	11,800,232	10,972,883	3,437,089	31,004,089	3,874,432	1,145,034	62,233,759
Administrative Overhead Allocation	187,535	5,882	271,129	492,276	633,808	77,750	1,668,380
Interfund Transfers	680,101		1,178,555				1,858,656
Operating Expenditures and Transfers	12,667,868	10,978,765	4,886,773	31,496,365	4,508,240	1,222,784	65,760,795
Reserves	9,267,648	395,702	2,322,534	752,545	1,523,663	1,479,399	15,741,491
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	21,935,516	11,374,467	7,209,307	32,248,910	6,031,903	2,702,183	81,502,286



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RESOLUTION NO. 817

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the Northwest Florida Water Management District under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the ensuing 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Florida Water Management District is authorized by Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to adopt a budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 200.065, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Florida Water Management District held a Public Hearing as required by Section 200.065, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, programs and projects which are of District benefit will be supported with ad valorem tax revenues and other funding sources as reflected in the sixty two million two hundred thirty three thousand seven hundred fifty nine dollar Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, that:

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2016-2017 budget be adopted
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

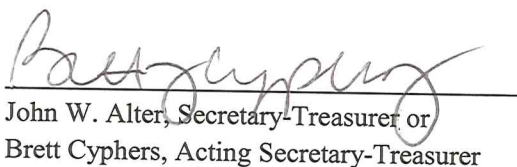
DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 22nd day of September, 2016, A.D.

Time Adopted 5:09 PM

The Governing Board of the
**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**


George Roberts, Chair

ATTEST:


John W. Alter, Secretary-Treasurer or
Brett Cyphers, Acting Secretary-Treasurer



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