



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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September 29, 2017

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 2017-18

Dear Governor Scott:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 28, 2017, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$65.3 million budget, which uses the rolled-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 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:

- \$37.7 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 St. Marks River, Econfinia Creek, and Holmes Creek.
- \$7.2 million for Water Supply and Water Resource Development Assistance to continue support for cooperative grant projects across northwest Florida. This funding also supports the North Bay Wastewater Reuse Project in Bay County.
- \$1.9 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; the Shoal River system; and the Econfinia Creek and Spring System.
- \$1.6 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 water quality improvement projects and best management practices. This funding will also support focused project planning to benefit watersheds across northwest Florida.

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Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2017-18 Budget. If I can be of any assistance or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Brett J. Cyphers
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Enclosures

cc:

The Honorable Joe Negron, President, Florida Senate
The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Honorable Jack Latvala, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Denise Grimsley, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
The Honorable Rob Bradley, Chair, Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
The Honorable Lauren Book, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources
The Honorable Carlos Trujillo, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Holly Raschein, Chair, House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee
The Honorable Tom Goodson, Chair, House Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee
Executive Office of the Governor
Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2017-18 ADOPTED BUDGET COMPARISON BY FUND**

| DESCRIPTION | General Fund | Capital Improv & Lands Acq | Lands Management | Special Projects | Regulation | Mitigation | TOTAL |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cash Balances Brought Forward | 14,695,261 | 433,728 | 4,551,203 | 1,336,000 | 1,691,000 | 1,537,428 | 24,244,620 |
| <u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Ad Valorem Taxes .0353 | 1,203,060 | | | 217,791 | 1,974,366 | | 3,395,217 |
| State Water Management Lands TF | | | | 1,189,576 | | | 1,189,576 |
| Land Acquisition Trust Fund | | 11,547,171 | 1,532,372 | 21,744,076 | | | 34,823,619 |
| State Florida Forever Trust Fund | | 372,480 | | | | | 372,480 |
| State Ecosystem Trust Fund | | 72,000 | | | | | 72,000 |
| Permitting and Licensing | | | | | 384,569 | | 384,569 |
| Federal Grants | | | | 2,979,477 | 14,257 | | 2,993,734 |
| Other State Funds | 107,647 | 267,025 | 114,000 | 8,361,980 | 2,141,685 | 950,523 | 11,942,860 |
| Local Government Units-Monitoring | | | 340 | 127,869 | | | 128,209 |
| Timber Sales | | | 2,000,000 | | | | 2,000,000 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | | 294,430 | 65,140 | | 8,000 | 70,000 | 437,570 |
| Revenue | <u>1,310,707</u> | <u>12,553,106</u> | <u>3,711,852</u> | <u>34,620,769</u> | <u>4,522,877</u> | <u>1,020,523</u> | <u>57,739,834</u> |
| Interfund Transfers | 2,722,032 | | | 500,000 | | | 3,222,032 |
| Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances | <u>18,728,000</u> | <u>12,986,834</u> | <u>8,263,055</u> | <u>36,456,769</u> | <u>6,213,877</u> | <u>2,557,951</u> | <u>85,206,486</u> |
| <u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 1,911,660 | 10,916 | 1,254,249 | 2,263,395 | 2,744,002 | 327,175 | 8,511,397 |
| Other Personal Services | 12,331 | | 41,423 | 42,094 | 245,710 | 1,859 | 343,417 |
| Contractual Services | 188,200 | 455,275 | 1,008,414 | 5,081,027 | 169,941 | 561,486 | 7,464,343 |
| Operating Expenses | 590,929 | 6,200 | 827,285 | 383,128 | 633,637 | 54,091 | 2,495,270 |
| Capital Outlay | 106,993 | 12,103,353 | 342,601 | 265,013 | 97,795 | 79,730 | 12,995,485 |
| Grants and Aids (Gen Fund is from reserves) | 6,639,695 | | | 26,801,039 | | | 33,440,734 |
| Total Operating Expenditures | <u>9,449,808</u> | <u>12,575,744</u> | <u>3,473,972</u> | <u>34,835,696</u> | <u>3,891,085</u> | <u>1,024,341</u> | <u>65,250,646</u> |
| Administrative Overhead Allocation | 188,570 | 2,362 | 280,304 | 498,766 | 646,792 | 71,182 | 1,687,976 |
| Interfund Transfers | 500,000 | | 1,034,056 | | | | 1,534,056 |
| Operating Expenditures and Transfers | <u>10,138,378</u> | <u>12,578,106</u> | <u>4,788,332</u> | <u>35,334,462</u> | <u>4,537,877</u> | <u>1,095,523</u> | <u>68,472,678</u> |
| Reserves | 8,589,622 | 408,728 | 3,474,723 | 1,122,307 | 1,676,000 | 1,462,428 | 16,733,808 |
| Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves | <u>18,728,000</u> | <u>12,986,834</u> | <u>8,263,055</u> | <u>36,456,769</u> | <u>6,213,877</u> | <u>2,557,951</u> | <u>85,206,486</u> |



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RESOLUTION NO. 825 ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the ensuing 2017-2018 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018; 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 five million two hundred fifty thousand six hundred forty six dollar Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida

Water Management District, that:

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2017-2018 budget be adopted
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 28th day of September, 2017, A.D.
Time Adopted 5:14 PM

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

George Roberts, Chair

ATTEST:

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



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