



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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September 28, 2018

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 2018-19

Dear Governor Scott:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 27, 2018, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$69.5 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 minimum water 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:

- \$42.4 million for Springs Projects. This funding will enable the District to continue restoration efforts for Wakulla Spring; Jackson Blue Spring; and springs associated with the St. Marks River, Chipola River, Econfina Creek, and Holmes Creek. Funded activities include fee simple and less-than-fee land acquisition, agricultural best management practices, septic-to-sewer conversion projects, stormwater treatment, and spring bank habitat restoration.
- \$5.3 million for Watershed Restoration. This funding will facilitate continued efforts to protect water quality and restore 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 stormwater treatment benefitting St. Joseph Bay and Escambia Bay, as well as continued project planning and implementation to benefit watersheds across northwest Florida.
- \$2.9 million for Water Resource and Supply Development. This funding includes water supply development assistance for cooperative grant projects across northwest Florida, including the North Bay Wastewater Reuse Project in Bay County, as well as other water resource development activities that ensure sustainable water resource management.

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- \$1.8 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; the Gainer Spring Group; Sylvan Spring Group; Williford Spring Group; Econfina Blue Spring Group; and Devils Hole Spring.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2018-19 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 Joe Negron, President, Florida Senate
The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Honorable Rob Bradley, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable David Simmons, 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, Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee
Executive Office of the Governor
Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environment Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2018-2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON
BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Lands Management	Special Projects	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	11,847,873	280,442	5,155,249	1,703,759	1,925,521	1,712,189	22,625,033
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
Ad Valorem Taxes .0338 mills	1,149,027			480,125	1,804,331		3,433,483
DEP - WML Trust Fund				1,189,576			1,189,576
DEP - Land Acquisition Trust Fund		14,454,370	1,467,847	27,964,538			43,886,755
Florida Forever Trust Fund		372,480					372,480
Permitting and Licensing					396,438		396,438
Federal Grants				3,095,929	14,492		3,110,421
State Funds	86,674	309,000	130,000	3,479,694	2,260,005	1,054,414	7,319,787
Local Government Units			340	163,179			163,519
Timber Sales			2,000,000				2,000,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		324,390	60,079	3,820,654	10,000	100,000	4,315,123
Interfund Transfers	1,653,401	100,000		688,829			2,442,230
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>14,736,975</u>	<u>15,840,682</u>	<u>8,813,515</u>	<u>42,586,283</u>	<u>6,410,787</u>	<u>2,866,603</u>	<u>91,254,845</u>
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
Salaries & Benefits	1,810,085	63,365	1,252,118	2,421,820	2,790,224	306,406	8,644,018
Other Personal Services	155		41,000	55,934	247,788	1,471	346,348
Contractual Services	190,600	422,901	1,326,082	4,581,466	166,036	637,181	7,324,266
Operating Expenses	583,498	3,600	1,082,899	403,350	562,923	140,371	2,776,641
Capital Outlay	145,608	15,057,186	295,860	202,110	136,060	4,914	15,841,738
Grants and Aids	1,705,000		25,000	32,795,527			34,525,527
Reserves	9,454,044	280,442	4,421,449	1,610,432	1,875,521	1,712,189	19,354,077
Interfund Transfers	847,985	13,188	369,107	515,644	632,235	64,071	2,442,230
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>14,736,975</u>	<u>15,840,682</u>	<u>8,813,515</u>	<u>42,586,283</u>	<u>6,410,787</u>	<u>2,866,603</u>	<u>91,254,845</u>



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RESOLUTION NO. 840 ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the ensuing 2018-2019 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019; 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-nine million four hundred fifty-eight thousand five hundred thirty-eight dollar Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget.

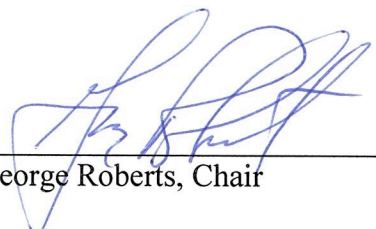
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, that:


1. The Fiscal Year Final 2018-2019 budget be adopted
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 27th day of September 2018, A.D.
Time Adopted 5:10 PM

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

ATTEST:


George Roberts, Chair


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



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