



# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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(U.S. Highway 90, 10 miles west of Tallahassee)

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September 27, 2019

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

Subject: Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 26, 2019, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$73.7 million budget, which uses the rolled-back millage rate for taxpayers while maintaining a focus on priority areas including funding of water quality projects that help maximize nutrient reductions, consistent with Executive Order 19-12.

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

- \$43.8 million for springs projects. This funding will enable the District to implement restoration projects for Wakulla Spring; Jackson Blue Spring; and springs associated with the St. Marks River, Chipola River, Econfina Creek, and Holmes Creek.
- \$6.1 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 assessment and stormwater treatment benefitting St. Joseph Bay, improved stormwater treatment and management in the St. Marks River watershed, and continued project planning to benefit watersheds across northwest Florida.
- \$4.0 million for water supply and water resource development to continue support for cooperative grant projects across northwest Florida. This funding also supports the North Bay Wastewater Reuse Project in Bay County.

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- \$2.2 million for monitoring and technical assessments to develop minimum flows and minimum levels for Wakulla Spring; Sally Ward Spring; Jackson Blue Spring; the Floridan aquifer in coastal Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties; the Gainer Spring Group; Sylvan Spring Group; and the Williford Spring Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2019-20 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 Bill Galvano, President, Florida Senate  
The Honorable Jose Oliva, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives  
The Honorable Rob Bradley, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Debbie Mayfield, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
The Honorable Bill Montford, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
The Honorable W. Travis Cummings, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Holly Raschein, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee  
The Honorable Blaise Ingoglia, Chair, House State Affairs Committee  
The Honorable Chuck Clemons, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Executive Office of the Governor  
Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection



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### RESOLUTION NO. 858

#### Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget

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

**WHEREAS**, the ensuing 2019-2020 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020; 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 seventy-three million six hundred ninety thousand five hundred two dollars Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

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

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2019-2020 budget be adopted; and
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, A.D.

Time Adopted 5:10 PM

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

Chair

A blue ink signature of the Chair, written over a horizontal line.

**ATTEST:**

A blue ink signature of the Secretary-Treasurer, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary-Treasurer or  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
FY 2019-2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON  
BY FUND**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Capital Improv &amp; Lands Acq</b>	<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>Lands Management</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Cash Balances Brought Forward</b>	12,970,029	288,987	3,243,556	3,992,389	2,781,933	2,227,809	25,504,703
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>							
Ad Valorem Taxes <b>.0327</b> mills	1,140,589		428,965	377,257	1,582,769		3,529,580
DEP - WML Trust Fund			1,136,908				1,136,908
DEP - Land Acquisition Trust Fund		13,308,440	30,675,331	1,553,116			45,536,887
Water Protection and Sustain. Pgm. Trust Fund			100,000				100,000
Florida Forever Trust Fund		372,230					372,230
Permitting and Licensing					355,642		355,642
Federal Grants			2,676,341		13,772		2,690,113
State Funds	88,931	326,074	5,445,806	155,000	2,307,960	979,214	9,302,985
Local Government Units			160,693	268			160,961
Timber Sales							0
Miscellaneous Revenues		1,240,212	3,994,872	90,140	35,000	200,000	5,560,224
Interfund Transfers	1,710,895	237,291	843,545				2,791,731
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>15,910,444</u>	<u>15,773,234</u>	<u>48,706,017</u>	<u>6,168,170</u>	<u>7,077,076</u>	<u>3,407,023</u>	<u>97,041,964</u>
<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</b>							
Salaries & Benefits	1,907,090	69,467	2,385,555	1,243,860	2,775,349	321,704	8,703,025
Other Personal Services			46,657	45,597	271,754	2,770	366,778
Contractual Services	187,856	415,748	5,197,796	1,877,893	147,536	721,886	8,548,715
Operating Expenses	519,190	1,100	416,006	1,089,448	569,610	58,488	2,653,842
Capital Outlay	160,077	14,982,951	175,382	251,376	89,088	4,391	15,663,265
Grants and Aids	540,763		37,214,114				37,754,877
Reserves	11,585,721	288,987	2,745,979	1,144,623	2,566,612	2,227,809	20,559,731
Interfund Transfers	1,009,747	14,981	524,528	515,373	657,127	69,975	2,791,731
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>15,910,444</u>	<u>15,773,234</u>	<u>48,706,017</u>	<u>6,168,170</u>	<u>7,077,076</u>	<u>3,407,023</u>	<u>97,041,964</u>