



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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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 2014–2015

Dear Governor Scott:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits its adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Budget, in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 25, 2014, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$52.5 million budget, which reduces the 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 and St. Andrew Bay watersheds.

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 system and flood protection, including:

- **\$8.2 million for springs restoration and protection.** This includes more than \$6.8 million that will be invested in Northwest Florida to improve springs ecosystems. This funding is part of the \$69 million dedicated for springs protection statewide that was approved by Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature in 2014.
- **\$2.4 million for the development of minimum flows and levels (MFLs).** This funding will be used to help the District accomplish its ambitious schedule to develop MFLs—a major component of its overall effort to ensure the long-term protection and sustainability of Northwest Florida's water resources. The District continues to move forward with the intensive hydrologic, ecologic and water quality data collection vital to a successful MFL program.

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- **\$15 million for water supply development assistance to local governments and non-profit utilities.** This includes \$8 million for a new cycle of competitive grant funding designed to help communities in Northwest Florida meet local water supply challenges, building on nearly \$15.5 million in water supply grants awarded across 14 counties during the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.
- **\$3.8 million for the protection and restoration of the Apalachicola River and Bay watershed.** The District will continue to partner with state and local agencies to improve the health of this environmentally and economically crucial natural system. This includes funding a series of stormwater retrofit projects in cooperation with the cities of Apalachicola and Carrabelle to improve water quality in Apalachicola Bay and provide needed flood relief for residents.
- **\$3.6 million for the restoration and protection of the St. Andrew Bay watershed.** This includes grant funding assistance to local governments for water quality improvement activities, including four stormwater retrofit projects that will treat runoff generated from more than 500 acres of drainage area.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2014-2015 Budget. If I can be of any assistance or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jonathan P. Steverson
Executive Director
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Enclosures

cc:

The Honorable Don Gaetz, President, Florida Senate
The Honorable Will Weatherford, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Honorable Joe Negrón, 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 Seth McKeel, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, House Agricultural and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Jim Boyd, Chair, House State Affairs Committee
The Honorable Matthew Caldwell, Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee
Executive Office of the Governor
Herschel T. Vinyard Jr., Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2014-2015 BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Lands Management	Special Projects	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	28,793,984	624,415	7,119,923		1,078,184	1,409,870	39,026,376
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
Ad Valorem Taxes .039	822,202			449,582	2,109,949		3,381,733
State Water Management Lands TF				5,553,446	2,211,231		7,764,677
State Florida Forever Trust Fund		624,200					624,200
State Water Protection and Sustainability TF							0
State Ecosystem Trust Fund				4,443,313			4,443,313
Permitting and Licensing					360,250		360,250
Federal Grants				4,027,928	37,845		4,065,773
Other State Funds		300,000		6,877,430		2,173,029	9,350,459
Local Government Units-Monitoring				162,159			162,159
Timber Sales			1,500,000				1,500,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	69,500	500	323,132		25,500	40,000	458,632
Current Year Revenue	891,702	924,700	1,823,132	21,513,858	4,744,775	2,213,029	32,111,196
Interfund Transfers	1,940,409	905,000		1,619,816	90,956		4,556,181
Total Estimated Revenues, and Balances	31,626,095	2,454,115	8,943,055	23,133,674	5,913,915	3,622,899	75,693,753
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
Salaries & Benefits	1,742,588	6,815	1,128,111	2,111,200	2,749,307	385,954	8,123,975
Other Personal Services	16,295		42,596	34,561	271,872	0	365,324
Contractual Services	259,266	34,750	966,146	6,515,049	273,462	1,392,007	9,440,680
Operating Expenses	779,466	3,600	1,027,781	500,249	710,914	304,685	3,326,695
Capital Outlay	248,091	1,460,000	321,810	335,749	156,733	27,693	2,550,076
Grants and Aids (Gen Fund is from reserves)	15,000,000	624,200	8,000	13,045,515			28,677,715
Total Operating Expenditures	18,045,706	2,129,365	3,494,444	22,542,323	4,162,288	2,110,339	52,484,465
Administrative Overhead Allocation	201,908	2,045	304,867	591,351	737,548	102,690	1,940,409
Interfund Transfers	1,710,772		905,000				2,615,772
Current Year Expenditures & Transfers	19,958,386	2,131,410	4,704,311	23,133,674	4,899,836	2,213,029	57,040,646
Reserves	11,667,709	322,705	4,238,744		1,014,079	1,409,870	18,653,107
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	31,626,095	2,454,115	8,943,055	23,133,674	5,913,915	3,622,899	75,693,753



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RESOLUTION NO. 791

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the ensuing 2014-2015 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015; 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 fifty two million four hundred eighty four thousand four hundred sixty five dollar Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget.

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

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2014-2015 budget be adopted
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 25th day of September, 2014, A.D.
Time Adopted 6:13 PM

The Governing Board of the
NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT


George Roberts, Chair

ATTEST:


Jon Steverson, Acting Secretary/Treasurer



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