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September 23, 2022

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor  
State of Florida  
The Capitol PL-01  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 22, 2022, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$107.2 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:

- \$61.7 million for Springs Projects. This funding will enable the District to implement or continue restoration and protection projects for Wakulla Spring, Jackson Blue Spring, and springs associated with the St. Marks River, Chipola River, Econfina Creek, and Holmes Creek. The budget includes continuing support for septic-to-sewer projects that will improve water quality in Wakulla Spring and Jackson Blue Spring and cost-share funding for agricultural best management practices.
- \$14.6 million for alternative water supply development, water supply development assistance, and water resource development. Funded projects include support for major reclaimed water construction projects in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Bay counties.
- \$6.7 million for watershed restoration. This funding will facilitate continued efforts to protect and restore water quality and aquatic habitats through cooperative water quality improvement projects and best management practices. Funded projects include stormwater retrofits and septic tank abatement benefitting St. Joseph Bay, Apalachicola Bay, and St. Andrew Bay; innovative technology to address harmful algal blooms and nutrient enrichment; and a dedicated assessment of freshwater inflows in St. Joseph Bay, Lake Wimico, and East Bay.

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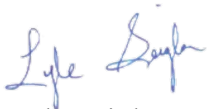
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- \$4.8 million for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts and reforestation. This funding will continue debris cleanup on District lands with a focus on those areas deemed catastrophically or severely damaged, reforestation with prescribed burns and tree planting, and repairs and maintenance efforts for public access and recreational amenities on District lands.
- \$1.8 million for data collection and Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels technical assessments for Jackson Blue Spring, the Gainer Spring Group, Sylvan Spring Group, Williford Spring Group, and the Floridan aquifer in coastal Bay County.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2022-23 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 Wilton Simpson, President, Florida Senate  
The Honorable Chris Sprowls, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives  
The Honorable Kelli Stargel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
The Honorable Jason Brodeur, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
The Honorable Jay Trumbull, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Josie Tomkow, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee  
The Honorable Ralph Massullo, MD, Chair, House State Affairs Committee  
The Honorable James Buchanan, Chair, House Environment, Agriculture and Flooding Subcommittee  
Executive Office of the Governor  
Shawn Hamilton, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection



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## RESOLUTION NO. 910

### Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

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

**WHEREAS**, the ensuing 2022-2023 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; 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**, the Governing Board of the District has adopted Resolution 909, which establishes the millage-levy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; 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 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget of \$107,249,547.

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

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2022-2023 budget be adopted; and
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2022, A.D.

Time Adopted 5:10 PM

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
FY 2022-23 ADOPTED BUDGET 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>	17,064,178	303,345	3,161,127	2,550,849	3,729,424	2,651,029	29,459,952
<b><u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u></b>							
Ad Valorem Taxes 0.0261 mills	1,297,151		2,495,748				3,792,899
Water Management Land Trust Fund			762,427				762,427
Land Acquisition Trust Fund	158,931	11,160,237	49,367,553	5,428,462	4,095,148		70,210,331
Water Protection & Sustain. Pgm. Trust Fund			2,847,880				2,847,880
Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund			71,975				71,975
Permitting and Licensing					655,000		655,000
Federal Grants			5,297,905				5,297,905
State Funds			12,731,261	90,000	15,670	1,605,011	14,441,942
Local Government Units			155,882	278			156,160
Timber Sales				600,000			600,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		813,798	3,668,783	319,965	6,000	35,000	4,843,546
Interfund Transfers	<u>2,062,260</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,083,226</u>				<u>3,145,486</u>
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>20,582,520</u>	<u>12,277,380</u>	<u>81,643,767</u>	<u>8,989,554</u>	<u>8,501,242</u>	<u>4,291,040</u>	<u>136,285,503</u>
<b><u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u></b>							
Salaries & Benefits	2,374,911	97,872	2,900,816	1,631,120	3,408,448	308,812	10,721,979
Other Personal Services	0	0	21,992	72,424	69,558	3,317	167,291
Contractual Services	299,051	310,991	7,464,976	4,124,217	166,941	1,104,831	13,471,007
Operating Expenses	518,922	1,300	524,025	1,146,830	620,038	38,363	2,849,478
Capital Outlay	201,851	11,542,497	196,411	632,800	113,622	116,520	12,803,701
Grants and Aids	500,000	0	66,736,091	0	0	0	67,236,091
Reserves	15,401,807	303,345	3,161,127	1,010,109	3,363,053	2,651,029	25,890,470
Interfund Transfers	<u>1,285,978</u>	<u>21,375</u>	<u>638,329</u>	<u>372,054</u>	<u>759,582</u>	<u>68,168</u>	<u>3,145,486</u>
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>20,582,520</u>	<u>12,277,380</u>	<u>81,643,767</u>	<u>8,989,554</u>	<u>8,501,242</u>	<u>4,291,040</u>	<u>136,285,503</u>