



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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Lyle Seigler
Executive Director

September 30, 2024

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 2024-25

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 30, 2024, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$113.7 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 Orders 19-12 and 23-06.

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:

- \$50.9 million for springs projects. This funding will enable the District to implement or continue restoration projects for Wakulla Spring; Jackson Blue Spring; and springs associated with the St. Marks River, Chipola River, Econfina Creek, and Holmes Creek.
- \$19.2 million for alternative water supply development, water supply development assistance, and water resource development. Alternative water supply development funding includes support for cooperative, multijurisdictional efforts to expand reuse of reclaimed water in northwest Florida. Water resource development activities include water resources evaluations and hydrogeologic investigations, as well as continuing technical assistance for water use efficiency in the Jackson Blue Spring groundwater contribution area.
- \$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 and Apalachicola bays; a dedicated assessment of water quality and freshwater inflow in St. Joseph Bay; implementation of a pilot distributed wastewater grant program for impaired waterbodies; and an assessment of potential flooding impacts along select waterbodies in the St. Andrew Bay and Apalachicola River and Bay watersheds.

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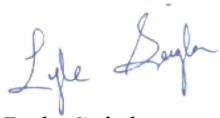
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- \$5.1 million for land management and reforestation. This funding will allow the District to develop additional recreational opportunities, enhance existing recreational sites for increased public use and safety, provide reforestation with prescribed burns and tree planting, and meet land management requirements on District mitigation lands.
- \$2.0 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.
- \$10.0 million for hurricane and tornado recovery and waterway restoration on District lands throughout northwest Florida.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2024-25 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 Kathleen Passidomo, President, Florida Senate
The Honorable Paul Renner, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Honorable Doug Broxson, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Jason Brodeur, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
The Honorable Ana Maria Rodriguez, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
The Honorable Thomas J. Leek, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Thad Altman, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Bobby Payne, Chair, House Infrastructure Strategies Committee
The Honorable James Buchanan, Chair, House Agriculture, Conservation, and Resiliency Subcommittee
The Honorable Cyndi Stevenson, Chair, House Water Quality, Supply, and Treatment Subcommittee
Executive Office of the Governor
Shawn Hamilton, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET BY FUND**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improvement & Lands Acquisition</u>	<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>Lands Management</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Mitigation</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cash Balances Brought Forward	16,351,474	273,558	3,798,307	889,263	3,987,051	3,516,391	28,816,044
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>							
Ad Valorem Taxes 0.0218 mills	1,630,117	0	2,394,883	0	0	0	4,025,000
Federal Grants	0	0	4,429,944	0	0	0	4,429,944
DEP - Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund	0	0	135,615	0	0	0	135,615
DEP - Land Acquisition Trust Fund	0	10,519,615	42,514,807	3,892,658	4,537,890	0	61,464,970
Mitigation	0	0	0	0	0	1,828,494	1,828,494
State Funds	0	0	30,113,547	4,110,000	10,750	0	34,234,297
Local Government Units	0	0	177,820	327	0	0	178,147
Permitting and Licensing	0	0	0	0	655,000	0	655,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	813,798	0	361,815	45,000	35,000	1,255,613
Interfund Transfers	<u>2,716,517</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,488,313</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,204,830</u>
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>20,698,108</u>	<u>11,606,971</u>	<u>88,053,236</u>	<u>9,254,063</u>	<u>9,235,691</u>	<u>5,379,885</u>	<u>144,227,954</u>
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>							
Salaries & Benefits	3,033,222	126,337	3,521,842	2,168,157	3,507,979	337,141	12,694,678
Other Personal Services	18,216	0	34,552	233,658	68,610	835	355,871
Contractual Services	361,250	310,991	15,710,880	3,337,658	204,820	1,179,863	21,105,462
Operating Expenses	711,555	1,300	860,656	1,175,927	791,375	126,443	3,667,256
Operating Capital Outlay	149,989	0	235,146	195,985	244,067	142,448	967,635
Fixed Capital Outlay	75,000	10,931,071	0	790,000	0	0	11,796,071
Grants and Aids	0	0	63,083,559	0	0	0	63,083,559
Reserves	11,334,116	208,558	3,798,307	889,263	3,605,957	3,516,391	23,352,592
Interfund Transfers	<u>5,014,760</u>	<u>28,714</u>	<u>808,294</u>	<u>463,415</u>	<u>812,883</u>	<u>76,764</u>	<u>7,204,830</u>
Total Appropriated Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>20,698,108</u>	<u>11,606,971</u>	<u>88,053,236</u>	<u>9,254,063</u>	<u>9,235,691</u>	<u>5,379,885</u>	<u>144,227,954</u>



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RESOLUTION NO. 945

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

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

WHEREAS, the ensuing 2024-2025 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025; 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 944, which establishes the millage-levy for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; 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 2024-2025 budget of \$113,670,532.

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

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2024-2025 budget be adopted; and
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 30th day of September 2024, A.D.

Time Adopted 5:10 PM

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

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Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Patronis".

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