



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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September 25, 2020

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 2020-21

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 24, 2020, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$89.6 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:

- \$51.6 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.
- \$8.1 million for Watershed Restoration. This funding will facilitate continued efforts to protect and restore water quality and aquatic habitats through implementation of cooperative water quality improvement projects and best management practices. This funding will support stormwater retrofits benefitting St. Joseph Bay, Apalachicola Bay, and the St. Marks River watershed; implementation of innovative technology to address harmful algal blooms and nutrient enrichment in Lake Munson and the Wakulla Spring contribution area; and a dedicated assessment of water quality and freshwater inflow in St. Joseph Bay, Lake Wimico, and East Bay.
- \$7.7 million for Water Supply Development Assistance and Water Resource Development to continue support for cooperative projects across northwest Florida. This includes funding for alternative water supply development for cooperative, multijurisdictional efforts to expand the reuse of reclaimed water in northwest Florida. Planned water resource development includes an evaluation of groundwater resource alternatives in Gulf County.

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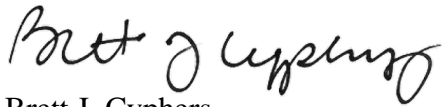
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- \$4.0 million for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts. This funding will be used for debris clean-up on District lands with a focus on those areas deemed catastrophically or severely damaged, reforestation, and repairs and maintenance efforts for public access and recreational amenities on District lands.
- \$2.1 million for data collection and minimum flow and minimum level technical assessments 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 Williford Spring Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2020-21 Budget. If I can be of any assistance or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Brett J. Cyphers
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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. 877

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

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

WHEREAS, the ensuing 2020-2021 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021; 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 876, which establishes the millage-levy for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; 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 2020-2021 budget of \$89,609,657.

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

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2020-2021 budget be adopted; and
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 24th day of September 2020, A.D.

Time Adopted 5:10 PM

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

ATTEST:

George Roberts, Chair

Brett Cyphers, Acting Secretary-Treasurer

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2020-2021 ADOPTED BUDGET COMPARISON
BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Special Projects	Lands Management	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	14,357,942	307,364	3,434,563	3,251,408	2,922,404	2,426,204	26,699,885
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>							
Ad Valorem Taxes (rolled back rate) .0311 mills	1,048,784		560,560		1,978,555		3,587,899
DEP - WML Trust Fund			1,118,440				1,118,440
DEP - Land Acquisition Trust Fund		12,867,848	39,049,008	1,586,943			53,503,799
Water Protection & Sustain. Pgm. Trust Fund			280,000				280,000
Florida Forever Trust Fund		264,135					264,135
Permitting and Licensing					437,500		437,500
Federal Grants			2,495,491	760,382			3,255,873
State Funds	349,531	84,008	11,523,604	4,029,377	1,930,080	1,093,158	19,009,758
Local Government Units			151,302	278			151,580
Miscellaneous Revenues		813,798	3,662,488	72,010	45,000	300,000	4,893,296
Interfund Transfers	<u>1,738,544</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>1,061,425</u>				<u>2,974,969</u>
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>17,494,801</u>	<u>14,512,153</u>	<u>63,336,881</u>	<u>9,700,398</u>	<u>7,313,539</u>	<u>3,819,362</u>	<u>116,177,134</u>
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>							
Salaries & Benefits	1,948,890	57,682	2,407,155	1,321,483	2,787,173	296,304	8,818,687
Other Personal Services	236		43,216	37,583	273,210	1,995	356,240
Contractual Services	183,308	310,991	8,273,572	4,105,393	144,595	976,435	13,994,294
Operating Expenses	536,933	1,300	623,810	1,171,865	640,108	51,292	3,025,308
Capital Outlay	22,942	13,822,346	105,970	434,140	35,300	2,646	14,423,344
Grants and Aids	639,741		48,352,043				48,991,784
Reserves	12,924,867	307,364	3,001,386	2,161,129	2,771,558	2,426,204	23,592,508
Interfund Transfers	<u>1,237,884</u>	<u>12,470</u>	<u>529,729</u>	<u>468,805</u>	<u>661,595</u>	<u>64,486</u>	<u>2,974,969</u>
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>17,494,801</u>	<u>14,512,153</u>	<u>63,336,881</u>	<u>9,700,398</u>	<u>7,313,539</u>	<u>3,819,362</u>	<u>116,177,134</u>