



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 2017-18

Dear Governor Scott:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 28, 2017, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$65.3 million budget, which uses the rolled-back 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.

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 systems, and flood protections, including:

- \$37.7 million for Springs Projects. This funding will enable the District to implement springs restoration projects for Wakulla Spring, Jackson Blue Spring, and springs associated with the St. Marks River, Econfina Creek, and Holmes Creek.
- \$7.2 million for Water Supply and Water Resource Development Assistance to continue support for cooperative grant projects across northwest Florida. This funding also supports the North Bay Wastewater Reuse Project in Bay County.
- \$1.9 million for monitoring and technical assessments to develop MFLs for the St. Marks River Rise; Wakulla Spring; Sally Ward Spring; Jackson Blue Spring; the Floridan aquifer in coastal Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties; the Shoal River system; and the Econfina Creek and Spring System.
- \$1.6 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 focused project planning to benefit watersheds across northwest Florida.

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Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2017-18 Budget. If I can be of any assistance or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Brett J. Cyphers
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc:

The Honorable Joe Negron, President, Florida Senate
The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Honorable Jack Latvala, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Denise Grimsley, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
The Honorable Rob Bradley, Chair, Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
The Honorable Lauren Book, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources
The Honorable Carlos Trujillo, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Holly Raschein, Chair, House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee
The Honorable Tom Goodson, Chair, House Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee
Executive Office of the Governor
Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2017-18 ADOPTED BUDGET COMPARISON BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Lands Management	Special Projects	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	14,695,261	433,728	4,551,203	1,336,000	1,691,000	1,537,428	24,244,620
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>							
Ad Valorem Taxes .0353	1,203,060			217,791	1,974,366		3,395,217
State Water Management Lands TF				1,189,576			1,189,576
Land Acquisition Trust Fund		11,547,171	1,532,372	21,744,076			34,823,619
State Florida Forever Trust Fund		372,480					372,480
State Ecosystem Trust Fund		72,000					72,000
Permitting and Licensing					384,569		384,569
Federal Grants				2,979,477	14,257		2,993,734
Other State Funds	107,647	267,025	114,000	8,361,980	2,141,685	950,523	11,942,860
Local Government Units-Monitoring			340	127,869			128,209
Timber Sales			2,000,000				2,000,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		294,430	65,140		8,000	70,000	437,570
Revenue	<u>1,310,707</u>	<u>12,553,106</u>	<u>3,711,852</u>	<u>34,620,769</u>	<u>4,522,877</u>	<u>1,020,523</u>	<u>57,739,834</u>
Interfund Transfers	2,722,032			500,000			3,222,032
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>18,728,000</u>	<u>12,986,834</u>	<u>8,263,055</u>	<u>36,456,769</u>	<u>6,213,877</u>	<u>2,557,951</u>	<u>85,206,486</u>
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>							
Salaries & Benefits	1,911,660	10,916	1,254,249	2,263,395	2,744,002	327,175	8,511,397
Other Personal Services	12,331		41,423	42,094	245,710	1,859	343,417
Contractual Services	188,200	455,275	1,008,414	5,081,027	169,941	561,486	7,464,343
Operating Expenses	590,929	6,200	827,285	383,128	633,637	54,091	2,495,270
Capital Outlay	106,993	12,103,353	342,601	265,013	97,795	79,730	12,995,485
Grants and Aids (Gen Fund is from reserves)	6,639,695			26,801,039			33,440,734
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>9,449,808</u>	<u>12,575,744</u>	<u>3,473,972</u>	<u>34,835,696</u>	<u>3,891,085</u>	<u>1,024,341</u>	<u>65,250,646</u>
Administrative Overhead Allocation	188,570	2,362	280,304	498,766	646,792	71,182	1,687,976
Interfund Transfers	500,000		1,034,056				1,534,056
Operating Expenditures and Transfers	<u>10,138,378</u>	<u>12,578,106</u>	<u>4,788,332</u>	<u>35,334,462</u>	<u>4,537,877</u>	<u>1,095,523</u>	<u>68,472,678</u>
Reserves	8,589,622	408,728	3,474,723	1,122,307	1,676,000	1,462,428	16,733,808
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>18,728,000</u>	<u>12,986,834</u>	<u>8,263,055</u>	<u>36,456,769</u>	<u>6,213,877</u>	<u>2,557,951</u>	<u>85,206,486</u>