



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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September 27, 2013

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 2013–2014

Dear Governor Scott:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits its adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Budget, in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 26, 2013, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$47.9 million budget, which reflects the District's focus on continuing and implementing activities and programs that directly benefit the natural resources and communities of Northwest Florida.

As you recognize in your letter approving our budget on September 12, 2013, District staff has worked diligently over the last year to improve efficiencies and control operational expenditures, allowing us to maximize the use of taxpayer dollars on the protection and management of the panhandle's water resources. For the third year, the District is maintaining a millage rate of .04, which is 20 percent lower than the historically maintained rate of .05 and is anticipated to provide \$3.3 million in revenue.

Along with new revenues from ad valorem taxes, state and federal funding, and other sources, the District also continues to direct state revenue appropriated during prior fiscal years to critical resource restoration and protection projects throughout the region. These important projects include springs protection and restoration; Apalachicola River and Bay and St. Andrews Bay watershed protection and restoration; the continued development of a meaningful and achievable Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) program; and an expansion of the District's funding assistance to local governments for water supply development.

Specifically, the District's major objectives and priorities during FY 2013-2014 include:

- \$3.3 million for springs restoration and protection, including \$1.1 million in legislative and state funding. This includes projects to restore and ensure the long-term protection of habitat at Williford Spring; improve water quality in Jackson Blue Spring; and restore and protect streambanks at various springs along Econfina and Holmes creeks.
- \$4.7 million for Apalachicola River and Bay watershed protection and restoration, including \$3 million in legislative funding. The District will provide \$2.5 million in cooperative funding assistance to the City of Apalachicola to provide stormwater treatment and improve the quality of water flowing into the

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river and bay. The District will also move forward with the development of a freshwater needs assessment and strategic plan for the bay.

- \$1.8 million for the development of a meaningful MFL program. During FY 2012-2013, the District began expanding data collection efforts to achieve a new, more realistic implementation schedule for 25 priority waterbodies. This year, the District will further enhance efforts to develop MFLs as identified in that schedule, with special emphasis on the St. Mark's River Rise-Wakulla Springs-Spring Creek system.
- \$10 million to provide assistance to local governments and non-profit utilities for water supply development. The District recently launched a competitive grant program designed to help communities in Northwest Florida meet local water supply challenges, while also addressing regional priorities for water resource protection and management.
- \$5.5 million to help local governments and utilities implement Alternative Water Supply development projects, particularly within priority regions.
- \$3.9 million for St. Andrews Bay watershed protection and restoration, including the restoration of spring bank and riparian habitat associated with Williford Springs and Econfina Creek. It also includes grant funding assistance to local governments for stormwater and other projects to improve water quality and aquatic habitat within the bay.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2013-2014 Budget and for your recognition of the District's commitment to protecting and restoring our region's water resources. 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 Negron, 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 Steve Precourt, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

The Honorable Matthew Caldwell, Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Herschel T. Vinyard Jr., Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Land Acq	Lands Management	Special Projects	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	30,390,596	537,051	8,667,452		1,053,426	14,943,990	55,592,515
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
Ad Valorem Taxes .0400 mill	845,841			727,316	1,755,844		3,329,001
State Water Management Lands TF				3,000,000	2,490,545		5,490,545
State Florida Forever Trust Fund		951,000					951,000
State Water Protection and Sustainability TF		5,470,000					5,470,000
State Ecosystem Trust Fund				5,633,778			5,633,778
Permitting and Licensing					350,250		350,250
Federal Grants				3,707,638			3,707,638
Other State Funds				1,165,487		2,556,371	3,721,858
Local Government Units-Monitoring				170,397			170,397
Timber Sales			2,000,000				2,000,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	93,000	6,000	283,880		41,000	30,000	453,880
Current Year Revenue	938,841	6,427,000	2,283,880	14,404,616	4,637,639	2,586,371	31,278,347
Interfund Transfers	2,597,956	1,605,561		2,258,138	428,197		6,889,852
Total Estimated Revenues, and Balances	<u>33,927,393</u>	<u>8,569,612</u>	<u>10,951,332</u>	<u>16,662,754</u>	<u>6,119,262</u>	<u>17,530,361</u>	<u>93,760,714</u>
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
Salaries & Benefits	2,150,141	7,375	1,008,844	1,929,294	2,596,569	409,622	8,101,845
Other Personal Services	17,992		36,979	56,628	245,605	13,799	371,003
Contractual Services	241,210	95,750	863,955	4,890,789	262,172	1,687,719	8,041,595
Operating Expenses	964,919	3,600	1,110,886	410,241	853,986	297,332	3,640,964
Capital Outlay	394,125	2,100,000	139,000	186,788	49,500	12,225	2,881,638
Grants and Aids (Gen Fund is from reserves)	10,000,000	6,360,000	8,000	8,496,060			24,864,060
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>13,768,387</u>	<u>8,566,725</u>	<u>3,167,664</u>	<u>15,969,800</u>	<u>4,007,832</u>	<u>2,420,697</u>	<u>47,901,105</u>
Administrative Overhead Allocation	245,972	2,887	399,276	692,954	1,091,193	165,674	2,597,956
Interfund Transfers	2,686,335		1,605,561				4,291,896
Current Year Expenditures & Transfers	16,700,694	8,569,612	5,172,501	16,662,754	5,099,025	2,586,371	54,790,957
Reserves	17,226,699		5,778,831		1,020,237	14,943,990	38,969,757
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>33,927,393</u>	<u>8,569,612</u>	<u>10,951,332</u>	<u>16,662,754</u>	<u>6,119,262</u>	<u>17,530,361</u>	<u>93,760,714</u>



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RESOLUTION NO. 781 ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the ensuing 2013-2014 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014; 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;

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 forty seven million nine hundred one thousand one hundred five dollar Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget.

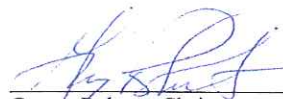
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, that:

1. The Fiscal Year Final 2013-2014 budget be adopted
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.


DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 26th day of September, 2013, A.D.

Time Adopted 5:10 PM

The Governing Board of the
NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT


George Roberts, Chair

ATTEST:


Jonathan Steverson, Acting Secretary/Treasurer



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