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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 2015–2016

Dear Governor Scott:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits its adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Budget, in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 24, 2015, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$55.7 million budget, which uses the roll-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 and St. Andrew Bay watersheds.

The District's budget is comprised of a combination of ad valorem revenue, state and federal funding, and other revenues, including timber sales. The District also continues to direct significant levels of state revenue appropriated during prior fiscal years to fund key water resource protection projects.

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:

- \$17.3 million for Springs Projects. This funding will enable the District to implement springs restoration projects for Wakulla Springs and Jackson Blue Spring as well as springs associated with the Holmes and Econfina creek systems.
- \$13.9 million for Water Supply Development Assistance. This funding includes \$2.3 million for the implementation of new local grant funding for cooperative water supply development assistance.
- \$4.8 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 and St. Andrew Bay systems through the implementation of cooperative stormwater retrofit projects and other best management practices. This funding will also support focused project planning to benefit watersheds across Northwest Florida.

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- \$1.7 million for monitoring and technical assessments to develop MFLs for the St. Marks River Rise, Wakulla Spring, Sally Ward Spring, Jackson Blue Spring and the Floridan aquifer in coastal Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties. This also includes MFL hydrologic monitoring for water levels, discharge, and rainfall at 97 sites across the Panhandle.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2015-2016 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 Andy Gardiner, President, Florida Senate
The Honorable Steve Crisafulli, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Honorable Tom Lee, 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 Richard Corcoran, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, House Agricultural and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Matt Caldwell, Chair, House State Affairs Committee
The Honorable Tom Goodson, Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee
Executive Office of the Governor
Jonathan P. Steverson, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2015-2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Lands Management	Special Projects	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	26,573,185	476,252	6,088,814		1,160,461	1,437,555	35,736,267
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>							
Ad Valorem Taxes .0378	1,116,151		442,344	46,383	1,828,907		3,433,785
State Water Management Lands TF				1,426,394			1,426,394
Land Acquisition Trust Fund		4,888,568	825,000	11,700,000			17,413,568
State Florida Forever Trust Fund		372,480					372,480
State Water Protection and Sustainability TF							0
State Ecosystem Trust Fund				2,694,458			2,694,458
Permitting and Licensing					332,500		332,500
Federal Grants				3,065,321	35,380		3,100,701
Other State Funds	103,920	300,000		4,889,397	2,332,364	1,378,072	9,003,753
Local Government Units-Monitoring				146,840			146,840
Timber Sales			1,500,000				1,500,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		75,000	323,923	347,667	19,250	30,000	795,840
Revenue	1,220,071	5,636,048	3,091,267	24,316,460	4,548,401	1,408,072	40,220,319
Interfund Transfers	1,701,684	195,942		356,803			2,254,429
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	29,494,940	6,308,242	9,180,081	24,673,263	5,708,862	2,845,627	78,211,015
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>							
Salaries & Benefits	1,841,708	25,945	1,217,055	2,255,781	2,658,441	370,658	8,369,588
Other Personal Services	12,807		35,565	42,200	264,477	5,448	360,497
Contractual Services	197,755	49,750	914,142	5,652,520	230,094	851,246	7,895,507
Operating Expenses	736,228	3,600	1,015,552	408,545	680,364	92,660	2,936,949
Capital Outlay	160,720	5,603,568	301,230	359,059	73,461	5,506	6,503,544
Grants and Aids (Gen Fund is from reserves)	13,877,793	372,480	8,000	15,450,766			29,709,039
Total Operating Expenditures	16,827,011	6,055,343	3,491,544	24,168,871	3,906,837	1,325,518	55,775,124
Administrative Overhead Allocation	192,537	5,695	274,942	504,392	641,564	82,554	1,701,684
Interfund Transfers	356,803		195,942				552,745
Operating Expenditures and Transfers	17,376,351	6,061,038	3,962,428	24,673,263	4,548,401	1,408,072	58,029,553
Reserves	12,118,589	247,204	5,217,653		1,160,461	1,437,555	20,181,462
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	29,494,940	6,308,242	9,180,081	24,673,263	5,708,862	2,845,627	78,211,015