

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E., Division of Flood Control and Water Supply Planning

DATE: October 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program

Agenda Item Background:

The Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program (Work Program) is an update report that includes a draft evaluation of the Work Program's consistency with the District's regional water supply plans and the adequacy of the proposed expenditures pursuant to Section 373.536(6)(a)4, Florida Statutes. The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Work Program covers the period from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2031. The Work Program contains projects such as water conservation, alternative water sources, resource evaluation, and regional water resource development which include Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects that results in additional water for the environment and in particular cases, for current and future demands of water users. Within 30 days of budget adoption, the water management districts are required to submit the Work Program to several entities, including the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This item also authorizes District staff to address and incorporate appropriate revisions resulting from agency and/or public comments into the Work Program prior to inclusion into the final Fiscal Year 2027 South Florida Environmental Report.

Additional Item Background:

Meeting the water needs of the environment, as well as the current and future demands of water users, is part of the District's core mission. Florida law identifies water resource development projects (primarily the District's responsibility) and water supply development projects (involving public and private facilities, which are the responsibility of local water users) as two types of projects that meet water needs. Following external review, the Work Program will be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2027 South Florida Environmental Report, Volume II, as Chapter 5A.

Funding Source:

Implementation of the water resource development projects identified in the District's regional water supply plans are funded through a combination of local, District, and state funds, as appropriate and available. The District has allocated over \$955.8 million in ad valorem and state funds in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for Water Resource Development Projects, \$141.1 million of which is associated with operation of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project to provide water supply to the region.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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Draft FY26-27 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program