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Executive Director

October 20, 2025

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Subject: Proposed 2026 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Pursuant to subsection 373.536(6)(a)(4), Florida Statutes, each water management district is required to furnish a five-year water resource development work program within 30 days after the adoption of the final budget. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) approved its proposed 2026 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program at its Governing Board meeting held on September 23, 2025 and adopted its fiscal year 2025-2026 budget at a public hearing held on September 23, 2025.

Enclosed please find the District's proposed 2026 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program. After receiving comments from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the District will respond to the evaluation within 45 days if needed. Any revisions prompted by DEP's evaluation will be incorporated into the final report that will be included as part of the District's Consolidated Annual Report. The Consolidated Annual Report is due no later than March 1, 2026, pursuant to subsection 373.036(7), Florida Statutes.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Armstrong, P.G.
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Alexis Lambert, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection (w/enclosure)

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Note: The District's proposed 2026 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program and referenced data has been published and is available on the District website at:

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/resources/plans-reports/water-resource-development-work-program>.

Should any recipients of this letter require a hard copy of the draft report, please contact the District at 352-2639-5611; or email your request to: paige.tara@watermatters.org.