

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	* 0	0	0	0	0
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is Item Included in Current Budget?	Yes _____		No <u>X</u>		
Does this item include the use of federal funds?	Yes _____		No <u>X</u>		
Budget Account No.:					
Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____ Program _____					

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* There is no fiscal impact associated with the Agenda Item.

C. Department Fiscal Review: *R. Thompson*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

[Signature] 7/1/19 *[Signature]* 7/1/19
 OFMB Contract Development and Control
 7/1/19 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency:

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C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director



June 26, 2019

The Honorable R.D. James
Assistant Secretary of the Army—Civil Works
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Dear Assistant Secretary James:

On behalf of four counties of Southeast Florida, we want to echo the letter sent to you on June 25, 2019, by members of the Florida congressional delegation regarding the need for a restudy of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project (C&SF Project). We believe that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will find value in the C&SF Project as it begins work to identify studies and projects eligible for funding through the *Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019*. The business community believes this study is an essential component of tackling Southeast Florida's future water management challenges.

Today, the C&SF Project serves as the fundamental means for protecting the over six million residents of Southeast Florida from flooding. At the same time, changes in the physical environment, especially increased rainfall intensity and rising seas, substantially strain the existing system. This challenge is not just limited to Southeast Florida, as vulnerabilities have been identified across the 16-county South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) service area. These vulnerabilities include flooding, storm surge impacts, and threats to water supplies.

As noted in the delegation's letter, it is imperative that USACE work in conjunction with the SFWMD to revise the C&SF Project so that it can cope with and maintain levels of service for current and future flood protection. While numerous plans and investments are underway locally and regionally, our federal partners are also critical to the resilience of the C&SF Project.

We also want to thank the members of our delegation in Washington, DC, for their leadership on this project. We will continue to monitor this vital issue for our community and look forward to working together to find solutions to Southeast Florida's aging water management infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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June 27, 2019

Members of the Governing Board
South Florida Water Management District
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Dear Governing Board Members,

As you consider the South Florida Water Management District's budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, we strongly urge you to retain the current millage rate and to devote the additional revenue to the studies and infrastructure investments foreseen for the District's Flood Protection Level of Service (FPLOS) Program.

As county mayors, we understand the conflicting pressures to keep tax rates low while maintaining or improving services. Given that previous Governing Boards have cut the District's tax rate every year for the past eight years, we believe the District has amply demonstrated its fiscal responsibility and can now persuasively argue that additional funds are needed to pay for critical investments.

The impact on taxpayers will be minimal. According to a 2016 investigation by the TCPalm newspaper, the District's 2016 tax cut amounted to a \$3 savings for the median homeowner. However, had the millage rate stayed the same, the District would have collected an additional \$21 million, a significant amount that could have been available for long-term needs. The situation will be similar this year: a millage rate cut would yield very small savings for the average taxpayer in absolute terms, but collectively, deprive the District of millions of dollars in additional revenue.

The need is acute. According to the presentation by District Hydrology and Hydraulics Bureau Chief Akin Owosina at your June 13 business meeting, full funding of the FPLOS Program, including assessments, resilience studies and adaptation design, and implementation of resilient infrastructure, could cost between \$33.5 and \$74 million per year over the next decade. Without these investments, the regional flood control system will struggle to keep up with rapidly changing conditions, including rising sea levels, storm surge, and more intense rainfall. We cannot emphasize enough how much the economy of our region and the safety of our residents depends on a fully functional regional water management system.

It is critical that the District begin this work.

Our counties have enjoyed a long, fruitful working relationship with the District for decades, including the District's participation in the four-county Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact since

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its inception in 2010. This collaboration has substantially advanced the application of climate science as part of resilience planning across our region, including regulatory changes and infrastructure improvements needed to deliver flood protection under future climate conditions. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to ensure the safety and prosperity of our region.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

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