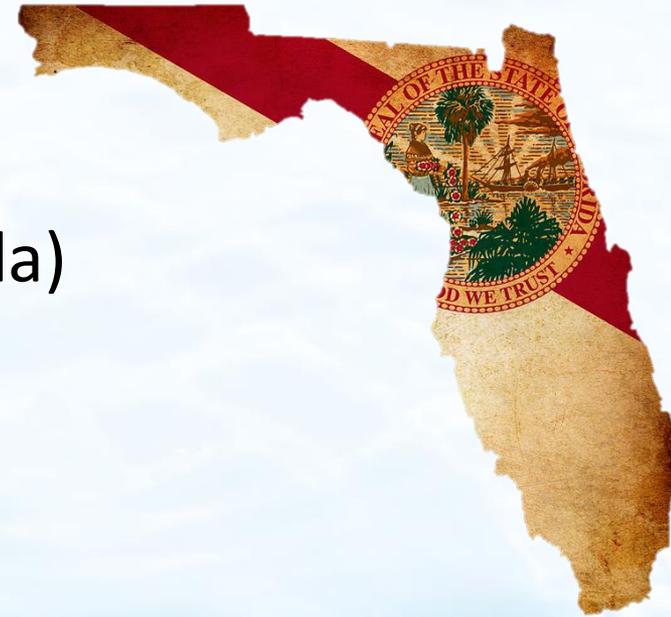


2016 Legislative Summary

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Legislative Summary

- Bills of Interest
 - Senate Bill 552 (Water Bill)
 - House Bill 989 (Legacy Florida)
- Appropriations / Budget
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Senate Bill 552 (Water Bill)

- Comprehensive statewide bill
- Impacts SFWMD in several key areas
 - Northern Everglades (Modifies 373.4595 and 403.067, Florida Statutes)
 - Central Florida Water Initiative
 - Water Supply / Consumptive Use Permitting



Senate Bill 552 – Northern Everglades

- Clarifies that Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) is the component of the Lake O Watershed Protection Program that achieves phosphorus load reductions
 - Establishes implementation milestones
- Clarifies roles/responsibilities of coordinating agencies consistent with existing State law
 - Requires agencies to develop an interagency agreement that specifies these roles and responsibilities:
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) - water quality protection measures
 - SFWMD - hydrologic improvements (i.e., projects)
 - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS) - interim agricultural BMPs

Senate Bill 552 – Northern Everglades

- Requires SFWMD to modify 40E-61 to be consistent with Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) statutes
 - Recognizes that FDEP, via the BMAP, has overarching regulatory authority over water quality issues for the lake
- Finds that entities in compliance with Everglades regulatory BMPs (40E-63) discharging to Lake O may use their 40E-63 permit to satisfy their NEEPP requirements
 - Eliminates duplicative regulation
- Requires SFWMD to submit a complete application to FDEP for Lake O structure permit modification consistent with Lake O BMAP by Jan. 1, 2017

Senate Bill 552 – Central Florida Water Initiative

- Requires SFWMD, FDEP, FDACS, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to:
 - Continue collaborative process
 - Build upon guiding principles set forth in Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Guiding Document
 - Develop and implement a single Regional Water Supply Plan
 - Provide a single hydrologic planning model

- Requires FDEP to adopt uniform rules, including permit rules, for the CFWI area
 - FDEP rules will be implemented by the Districts without further rulemaking

Senate Bill 552 – Water Supply / CUP

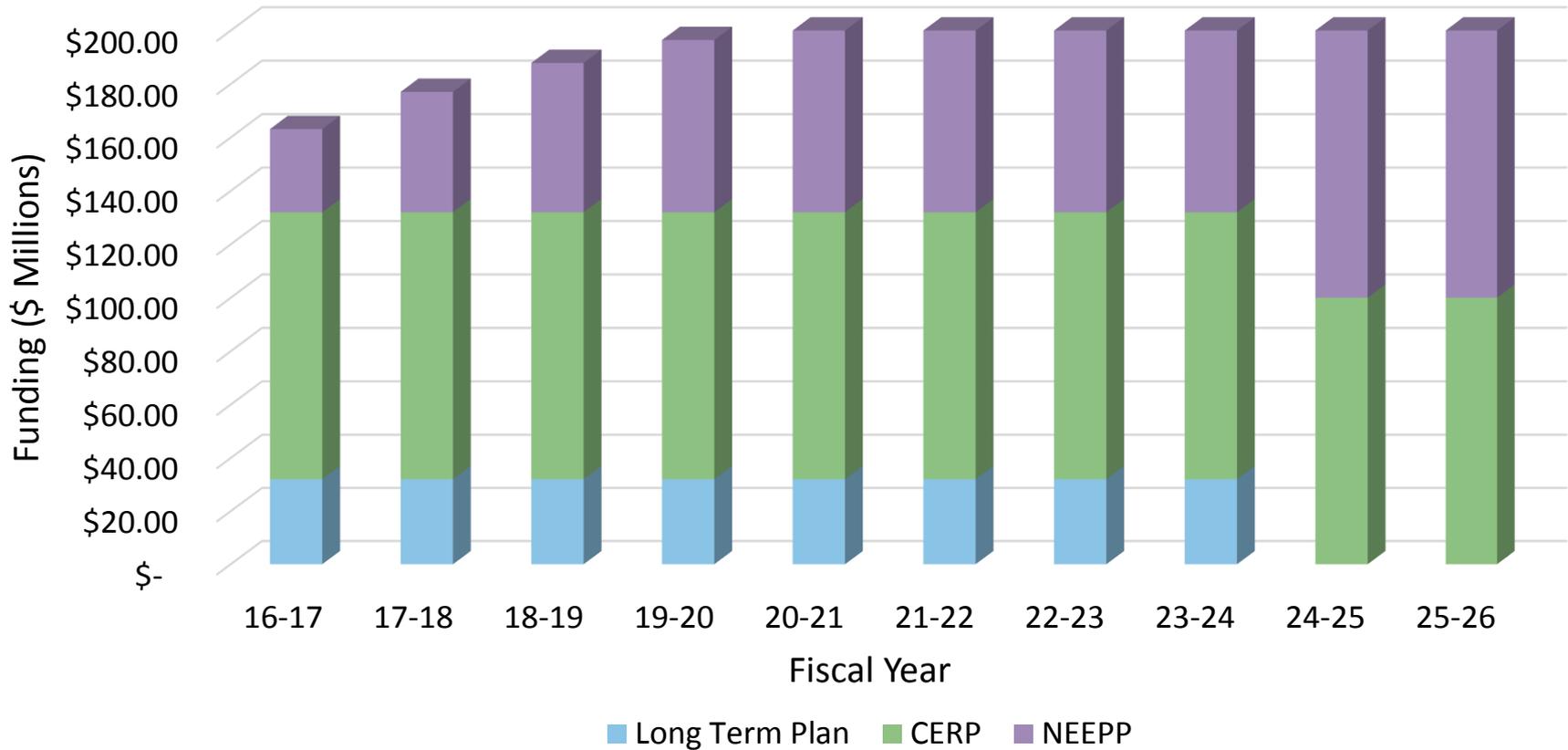
- Option to develop an Alternative Water Supply pilot project, or designate existing project in Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) as pilot project
- Amends 373.227 regarding water conservation
 - Can't reduce a permit allocation for the term of the permit for documented conservation, change in crop type, etc.
 - Closely matches existing language
- Must notify FDEP if Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) application is denied based upon impact to an adopted Minimum Flow and Level (MFL)
 - Cooperate with FDEP in reviewing RWSP
 - Initiate plan update if RWSP found to be inadequate

House Bill 989 (Legacy Florida)

- Implements the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment (Amendment 1)
- Establishes a dedicated funding stream for Everglades, springs and Lake Apopka restoration
- For Everglades, a minimum of the lesser of 25 percent of Amendment 1 dollars (after debt service) or \$200 million
 - \$32 million for Restoration Strategies (through Fiscal Year 2023-2024)
 - Minimum of the lesser of \$100 million or 76.5 percent of remaining funds for CERP (through Fiscal Year 2025-2026)
 - Remainder for Northern Everglades

House Bill 989 (Legacy Florida)

Legacy Florida Funding



House Bill 989 (Legacy Florida)

- “The Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District shall give preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner.”



2016 Legislative Appropriation

Item	FY15-16 Final State Budget	FY16-17 Governor's Budget	FY16-17 Final State Budget
Land Management	\$3.85M	\$3.85M	\$3.85M
Dispersed Water Management	\$5M	\$5M	\$5M
Land Acquisition	\$20M	\$27.7M	\$27.7M
Everglades Restoration	\$83.8M	\$151M	\$132M
- Restoration Strategies	\$32M	\$32M	\$32M
- C-44 Reservoir/STA	\$40M	\$60M	\$60M
- C-43 West Storage Reservoir	\$11.3M	\$56M	\$37M
- CERP Planning		\$3M	\$3M
Northern Everglades		\$19M	\$9M
Northern Everglades Public-Private Partnerships			\$47.8M
C-51 Reservoir Implementation			\$2M
Alligator Alley Tolls	\$7M	\$7M	\$7M

SFWMD Confirmations

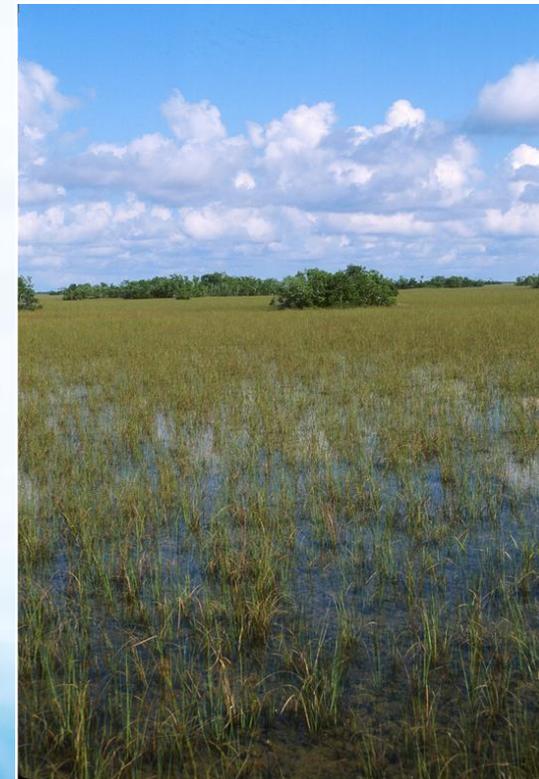
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