

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Budget

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to water management districts;  
3           amending s. 373.503, F.S.; revising the maximum  
4           millage rates that may be levied by each water  
5           management district for district and basin purposes;  
6           specifying the district and basin purposes; specifying  
7           the maximum millage rate levied for district and basin  
8           purposes used to fund the core areas of water supply  
9           and water resource development projects, water  
10          quality, flood protection and floodplain management,  
11          and natural systems; directing the Legislature to  
12          annually review each water management district's  
13          preliminary budget and set a maximum millage rate for  
14          certain purposes; specifying the use of the revenues;  
15          revising the review process for budgets of the water  
16          management districts; prohibiting a district from  
17          including in its budget or expending funds from any  
18          source for certain programs and activities during the  
19          next fiscal year under certain circumstances; removing  
20          a provision requiring that the maximum property tax  
21          revenue for water management districts revert to the  
22          amount authorized for the prior year if the  
23          Legislature does not set the amount; removing the  
24          maximum revenues for the 2011-2012 fiscal year;  
25          creating s. 373.535, F.S.; providing for the process,  
26          manner, and timing by which water management districts  
27          must submit a preliminary budget request to the  
28          Legislature and the Governor; requiring the Executive  
29          Office of the Governor and the appropriations

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30 committees of the Legislature to jointly develop  
31 preliminary budget instructions from which each water  
32 management district shall prepare the budget requests;  
33 providing criteria for the budget instructions;  
34 prescribing information that the preliminary budget  
35 must contain; requiring the Executive Office of the  
36 Governor to analyze each preliminary budget as to the  
37 adequacy of fiscal resources and certain expenditures;  
38 requiring the Executive Office of the Governor to  
39 provide to the Legislature by a certain time each  
40 water management district's preliminary budget,  
41 together with the adequacy analysis; requiring that  
42 the Legislature annually review and approve, limit, or  
43 disapprove specified portions of the preliminary  
44 budget for each water management district; requiring  
45 that the Legislature, in appropriating funds for water  
46 management districts, authorize a level of expenditure  
47 for each approved program and activity; prohibiting a  
48 water management district from expending any funds on  
49 a program or activity not authorized by the  
50 Legislature; authorizing the Legislature to review and  
51 take action on other provisions of the preliminary  
52 budget of each water management district; providing  
53 that if the Legislature does not take action under  
54 certain circumstances, provisions of the preliminary  
55 budget are deemed approved; providing criteria;  
56 requiring that the first funding obligation of a water  
57 management district is payment of debt service for  
58 bonds and certificates of participation, if

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59 applicable; requiring a water management district to  
60 receive prior approval from the Legislature before  
61 incurring additional bonded indebtedness; providing  
62 that the preliminary budget reviewed by the  
63 Legislature is the basis for developing the tentative  
64 budget of each water management district; limiting the  
65 authority of a district to fund proposed expenditures  
66 reviewed by the Legislature to the amount authorized  
67 by the Legislature, the Governor, or the Legislative  
68 Budget Commission; amending s. 373.536, F.S. ;  
69 requiring that budget amendments greater than a  
70 certain amount be reviewed and approved by the  
71 Executive Office of the Governor and that the  
72 Executive Office of the Governor notify the  
73 Legislative Budget Commission of the approval;  
74 requiring that a water management district provide a  
75 description of the budget control mechanisms to the  
76 Executive Office of the Governor for approval;  
77 providing that, upon providing notice to the  
78 Legislative Budget Commission and subject to prior  
79 review and approval by the Executive Office of the  
80 Governor, a water management district may amend  
81 unanticipated funds into its final budget; requiring  
82 the Executive Office of the Governor and the  
83 Legislative Budget Commission to be notified if the  
84 governing board of a water management district expends  
85 available funds for a disaster or emergency; requiring  
86 that a water management district provide a monthly  
87 financial statement to its governing board and make

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88 such monthly financial statement available for public  
89 access on its website; removing obsolete provisions  
90 relating to review and approval by the Executive  
91 Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget  
92 Commission of the tentative budget of a water  
93 management district; providing for the approval or  
94 disapproval of the tentative budget by the Executive  
95 Office of the Governor; providing criteria for the  
96 Legislative Budget Commission to use in disapproving  
97 the tentative budget of a water management district;  
98 prohibiting a water management district from acting on  
99 a rejected provision without the approval of the  
100 Executive Office of the Governor or the Legislative  
101 Budget Commission; providing for the Chief Financial  
102 Officer to withhold state funds from a district that  
103 fails to obtain prior approval; requiring that the  
104 tentative budget be based on certain criteria;  
105 requiring the Executive Office of the Governor to  
106 consult with the Legislature to develop a standard  
107 format for the tentative budget; revising the  
108 information required for the tentative budget;  
109 revising the information required for the 5-year water  
110 resource development work program; providing an  
111 effective date.

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113 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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115 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 373.503,  
116 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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117 373.503 Manner of taxation.—

118 (3) The districts may levy ad valorem taxes on property  
119 within the district solely for the purposes of this chapter and  
120 of chapter 25270, 1949, Laws of Florida, as amended, and chapter  
121 61-691, Laws of Florida, as amended. If appropriate, taxes  
122 levied by each governing board may be separated by the governing  
123 board into a millage necessary for the purposes of the district  
124 and a millage necessary for financing basin functions specified  
125 in s. 373.0695.

126 (a) Notwithstanding any other general or special law, and  
127 subject to subsection (4), the maximum total millage rate for  
128 district and basin purposes which may be used solely for the  
129 purposes of funding the core water management district mission  
130 areas of water supply, including alternative water supply and  
131 the water resource development projects, water quality, flood  
132 protection and floodplain management, and natural systems, shall  
133 be:

134 1. Northwest Florida Water Management District: 0.04 ~~0.05~~  
135 mill.

136 2. Suwannee River Water Management District: 0.80 ~~0.75~~  
137 mill.

138 3. St. Johns River Water Management District: 0.80 ~~0.6~~  
139 mill.

140 4. Southwest Florida Water Management District: 0.80 ~~1.0~~  
141 mill.

142 5. South Florida Water Management District: 0.80 mill.

143 (b) As provided in s. 373.535 and subject to the limits  
144 established by s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution, the  
145 Legislature shall annually review the preliminary budget of each

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146 water management district and shall separately set, in addition  
147 to the rate set in paragraph (a), a maximum millage rate or  
148 maximum revenue limit for each district which may be used to  
149 fund regulation, outreach, management, and administration  
150 programs and activities.

151 (c) The maximum authorized millage rates or revenue limits  
152 separately established in paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be used  
153 to fund only the core mission areas and programs and activities  
154 specified those paragraphs. If the Legislature fails to set a  
155 revenue limit or the maximum amount of millage that may be  
156 levied for the programs and activities specified in paragraph  
157 (b), a district may not include in its budget or expend funds  
158 from any source for those programs and activities during the  
159 next fiscal year.

160 (d)~~(b)~~ The apportionment in the South Florida Water  
161 Management District shall be a maximum of 40 percent for  
162 district purposes and a maximum of 60 percent for basin  
163 purposes, respectively.

164 (e)~~(e)~~ Within the Southwest Florida Water Management  
165 District, the maximum millage assessed for district purposes may  
166 not exceed 50 percent of the total authorized millage if there  
167 are one or more basins in the district, and the maximum millage  
168 assessed for basin purposes may not exceed 50 percent of the  
169 total authorized millage.

170 (4)~~(a)~~ To ensure that taxes authorized by this chapter  
171 continue to be in proportion to the benefits derived by the  
172 parcels of real estate within the districts, the Legislature  
173 shall annually review the preliminary budget for each district  
174 for the next fiscal year as provided in s. 373.535 ~~and the~~

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175 ~~authorized millage rate for each district.~~ Based upon this  
176 review, the Legislature shall set the authorized maximum millage  
177 rate or the maximum amount of revenue to be raised by each  
178 district in the next fiscal year from the taxes levied. ~~Except~~  
179 ~~as provided in paragraph (b), if the annual maximum amount of~~  
180 ~~property tax revenue is not set by the Legislature on or before~~  
181 ~~July 1 of each year, the maximum property tax revenue that may~~  
182 ~~be raised reverts to the amount authorized in the prior year.~~

183 ~~(b) For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the total ad valorem~~  
184 ~~taxes levied may not exceed \$3,946,969 for the Northwest Florida~~  
185 ~~Water Management District, \$5,412,674 for the Suwannee River~~  
186 ~~Water Management District, \$85,335,619 for the St. Johns Water~~  
187 ~~Management District, \$107,766,957 for the Southwest Florida~~  
188 ~~Water Management District, and \$284,901,967 for the South~~  
189 ~~Florida Water Management District.~~

190 Section 2. Section 373.535, Florida Statutes, is created to  
191 read:

192 373.535 Preliminary district budget; development,  
193 legislative review, and authority granted.-

194 (1) PRELIMINARY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT.-

195 (a) In preparation for the legislative budget review, each  
196 water management district shall submit a preliminary budget  
197 request to the Legislature and to the Governor in the form and  
198 manner prescribed in the budget instructions and at such time as  
199 specified by the Executive Office of the Governor based on the  
200 district's independent judgment of its needs. However, a water  
201 management district may not submit its complete preliminary  
202 budget request later than December 15 unless an alternative date  
203 is agreed to be in the best interest of the state by the

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204 Governor and the chairs of the legislative appropriations  
205 committees.

206 (b) The Executive Office of the Governor and the  
207 appropriations committees of the Legislature shall jointly  
208 develop preliminary budget instructions for preparing the  
209 exhibits and schedules that make up the budget from which each  
210 district shall prepare their budget request. The preliminary  
211 budget instructions must be transmitted to each district by  
212 October 1 of each year, unless an alternative date is agreed to  
213 be in the best interest of the state by the Governor and the  
214 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.

215 (c) The preliminary budget request must contain for each  
216 program:

217 1. A section that clearly identifies and provides  
218 justification for each proposed expenditure listed in s.  
219 373.536(5)(d)4.d.-f. and that identifies the source of funds for  
220 each expenditure.

221 2. A section that provides, by core mission area of  
222 responsibility, justification for proposed expenditures and that  
223 identifies the source of funds needed for activities related to  
224 water supply, including alternative water supply and water  
225 resource development projects identified in the district's  
226 regional water supply plans, water quality, flood protection and  
227 floodplain management, and natural systems.

228 3. A section that reviews the adopted budget allocations by  
229 program area and the performance metrics for the prior year.

230 (d) The Executive Office of the Governor shall analyze each  
231 preliminary budget to determine the adequacy of fiscal resources  
232 available to the district and the adequacy of proposed district



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233 expenditures related to the core mission areas of responsibility  
234 for water supply, including alternative water supply and water  
235 resource development projects identified in the district's  
236 regional water supply plans, water quality, flood protection and  
237 floodplain management, and natural systems. This analysis shall  
238 be based on the particular needs within each water management  
239 district in the core mission areas of responsibility. The water  
240 supply analysis must specifically include a determination of the  
241 adequacy of each district's fiscal resources provided in the  
242 district's preliminary budget to meet appropriate progress  
243 toward meeting the districtwide 20-year projected water supply  
244 demands, including funding for alternative water supply  
245 development and conservation projects.

246 (e) The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide the  
247 preliminary budget for each water management district together  
248 with the adequacy analysis specified in paragraph (d) to the  
249 Legislature not later than 30 days before the start of each  
250 legislative session.

251 (2) PRELIMINARY BUDGET; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND APPROVAL.-

252 (a)1. The Legislature must annually review and approve,  
253 limit, or disapprove each portion of the preliminary budget for  
254 each water management district for those items in s.  
255 373.536(5)(d)4.d.-f. specific to regulation, outreach,  
256 management, and administration programs and activities.

257 2. After the annual review, the Legislature shall  
258 appropriate for each district funds for the proposed  
259 expenditures, set a maximum amount of revenue that may be raised  
260 to fund the programs and activities for those items in s.  
261 373.536(5)(d)4.d.-f., or set the maximum millage rate that may

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262 be levied to fund these programs and activities. The  
263 appropriation, revenue limit, or millage rate authorized by the  
264 Legislature for the programs and activities reviewed under this  
265 paragraph may not exceed 20 percent of a district's total  
266 preliminary budget.

267 3. If the Legislature does not appropriate funds, set the  
268 maximum amount of revenue, or set the maximum millage rate  
269 pursuant to subparagraph 2., the water management district may  
270 not include in its budget or expend funds from any source for  
271 such programs and activities during the ensuing fiscal year.

272 (b) The Legislature may also review and take action on any  
273 other aspect of the preliminary budget for each water management  
274 district. If the Legislature does not take any action pursuant  
275 to this paragraph, those portions of the preliminary budget of  
276 the water management district are deemed approved.

277 (c) If applicable, the preliminary budget for each water  
278 management district must specify that the district's first  
279 obligation for payment is the debt service on bonds and  
280 certificates of participation. In addition, a water management  
281 district must receive approval from the Legislature before it  
282 may incur additional bond indebtedness.

283 (3) PRELIMINARY BUDGET; AUTHORITY GRANTED.-

284 (a) Each water management district shall use the  
285 preliminary budget as reviewed, and as may be amended, by the  
286 Legislature pursuant to this section and s. 373.503 as the basis  
287 for developing the tentative budget for the next fiscal year as  
288 provided in s. 373.536(5).

289 (b) The Legislature's action pursuant to subsection (2),  
290 the approval pursuant to paragraph (2)(b), or the action by the

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291 Governor or Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to the  
292 provisions of s. 373.536(4) and (5) constitutes the only  
293 authority for a district to fund proposed expenditures for the  
294 next fiscal year. A district may not include in its tentative  
295 budget or expend any funds from any source for its programs and  
296 activities during the next fiscal year without such  
297 authorization.

298 Section 3. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section  
299 373.536, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

300 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.—

301 (4) BUDGET CONTROLS; FINANCIAL INFORMATION.—

302 (a) The final adopted budget for the district ~~is will~~  
303 ~~thereupon be~~ the operating and fiscal guide for the district for  
304 the ensuing year; however, transfers of funds may be made within  
305 the budget by action of the governing board at a public meeting  
306 of the governing board. Budget amendments greater than \$1  
307 million must be reviewed and approved by the Executive Office of  
308 the Governor. The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide  
309 to the Legislative Budget Commission notice of such approval.

310 (b) The district shall control its budget, at a minimum, by  
311 funds and shall provide to the Executive Office of the Governor  
312 for approval a description of its budget control mechanisms.

313 (c) ~~If Should~~ the district receives ~~receive~~ unanticipated  
314 funds after the adoption of the final budget, the final budget  
315 may be amended, following review and approval by the Executive  
316 Office of the Governor, by including such funds, ~~if so long as~~  
317 notice of intention to amend is provided to the Legislative  
318 Budget Commission and is published in the Notice of the  
319 governing board meeting at which the amendment will be

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320 considered, pursuant to s. 120.525. The notice shall set forth a  
321 summary of the proposed amendment.

322 (d) ~~However,~~ In the event of a disaster or of an emergency  
323 arising to prevent or avert the same, the governing board is  
324 ~~shall not be~~ limited by the budget but may expend ~~shall have~~  
325 ~~authority to apply such funds as may be available~~ for the  
326 disaster or emergency therefor or as may be procured for such  
327 purpose. In such an event, the governing board shall notify the  
328 Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget  
329 Commission as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after  
330 the governing board's action.

331 (e) ~~(d)~~ By September 1, 2012 ~~2011~~, each water management  
332 district shall provide a monthly financial statement in the form  
333 and manner prescribed by the Department of Financial Services to  
334 the district's ~~its~~ governing board and make such monthly  
335 financial statement available for public access on its website.

336 (5) TENTATIVE BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION; REVIEW AND  
337 APPROVAL.—

338 (a) The Executive Office of the Governor may approve or ~~and~~  
339 ~~the Legislative Budget Commission are authorized to~~ disapprove,  
340 in whole or in part, the budget of each water management  
341 district. ~~The Executive Office of the Governor shall analyze~~  
342 ~~each budget as to the adequacy of fiscal resources available to~~  
343 ~~the district and the adequacy of district expenditures related~~  
344 ~~to water supply, including water resource development projects~~  
345 ~~identified in the district's regional water supply plans; water~~  
346 ~~quality; flood protection and floodplain management; and natural~~  
347 ~~systems. This analysis shall be based on the particular needs~~  
348 ~~within each water management district in those four areas of~~

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349 ~~responsibility and shall be provided to the Legislative Budget~~  
350 ~~Commission.~~

351 (b) The Executive Office of the Governor, the Legislative  
352 Budget Commission, and the water management districts shall  
353 develop a process to facilitate review and communication  
354 regarding water management district tentative budgets, as  
355 necessary. If the Legislative Budget Commission determines that  
356 the tentative budget of a water management district has been  
357 significantly modified from a preliminary budget reviewed by the  
358 Legislature pursuant to s. 373.535, the Legislative Budget  
359 Commission may review, and may disapprove, any part of the  
360 tentative budget of the water management district. Unless  
361 otherwise authorized by the Legislature in the preliminary  
362 budget review conducted pursuant to s. 373.535, the Legislative  
363 Budget Commission must approve any water management district  
364 budget proposal that includes any of the following:

365 1. Except for land exchanges, any single purchase of land  
366 in excess of \$10 million.

367 2. Any cumulative purchase of land during a single fiscal  
368 year in excess of \$50 million.

369 3. Any issuance of debt on or after July 1, 2012.

370 4. Program expenditures as described in sub-subparagraphs  
371 (d)4.d.-f. in excess of 20 percent of a district's total annual  
372 budget.

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374 Written disapproval of any provision in the tentative budget  
375 must be received by the district at least 5 business days before  
376 ~~prior to~~ the final district budget adoption hearing conducted  
377 under s. 200.065(2) (d). If written disapproval of any portion of

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378 the budget is not received at least 5 business days before ~~prior~~  
379 ~~to~~ the final budget adoption hearing, the governing board may  
380 proceed with final adoption. Any provision rejected by the  
381 Executive Office of the Governor or the Legislative Budget  
382 Commission may shall not be included in a district's final  
383 budget and may not be acted upon through any other means without  
384 prior approval of the entity rejecting the provision. Upon  
385 written request of the Governor or the Legislative Budget  
386 Commission, the Chief Financial Officer shall withhold state  
387 funds from a water management district that fails to comply with  
388 these requirements.

389 (c) Each water management district shall, by August 1 of  
390 each year, submit for review a tentative budget to the Governor,  
391 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
392 Representatives, the Legislative Budget Commission, the  
393 secretary of the department, and the governing body of each  
394 county in which the district has jurisdiction or derives any  
395 funds for the operations of the district. The tentative budget  
396 must be posted on the water management district's official  
397 website at least 2 days before budget hearings held pursuant to  
398 s. 200.065 or other law.

399 (d) The tentative budget must be based on the preliminary  
400 budget as reviewed, and as may be amended, by the Legislature  
401 pursuant to ss. 373.503 and 373.535 and must set forth the  
402 proposed expenditures of the district, to which may be added an  
403 amount to be held as reserve. The tentative budget must include,  
404 but is not limited to, the following information for the  
405 preceding fiscal year and the current fiscal year, and the  
406 proposed amounts for the upcoming fiscal year, in a standard

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407 format prescribed by the Executive Office of the Governor, in  
408 consultation with the Legislature:

409 1. The estimated amount of funds remaining at the beginning  
410 of the fiscal year which have been obligated for the payment of  
411 outstanding commitments not yet completed.

412 2. The estimated amount of unobligated funds or net cash  
413 balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, an  
414 accounting of the source, balance, and projected future use of  
415 the unobligated funds, and the estimated amount of funds to be  
416 raised by district taxes or received from other sources to meet  
417 the requirements of the district.

418 3. The millage rates and the percentage increase above the  
419 rolled-back rate, together with a summary of the reasons the  
420 increase is required, and the percentage increase in taxable  
421 value resulting from new construction within the district.

422 4. The salaries and benefits, expenses, operating capital  
423 outlay, number of authorized positions, and other personal  
424 services for the following program areas of the district:

425 a. Water resource planning and monitoring;

426 b. Land acquisition, restoration, and public works;

427 c. Operation and maintenance of works and lands;

428 d. Regulation;

429 e. Outreach for which the information provided must contain  
430 a full description and accounting of expenditures for water  
431 resources education; public information and public relations,  
432 including public service announcements and advertising in any  
433 media; and lobbying activities related to local, regional, state  
434 and federal governmental affairs, whether incurred by district  
435 staff or through contractual services; and

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436 f. Management and administration.

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438 In addition to the program areas reported by all water  
439 management districts, the South Florida Water Management  
440 District shall include in its budget document separate sections  
441 on all costs associated with the Everglades Construction Project  
442 and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

443 5. The total estimated amount in the district budget for  
444 each area of responsibility listed in subparagraph 4. and for  
445 water resource, water supply, and alternative water supply  
446 development projects identified in the district's regional water  
447 supply plans.

448 6. A description of each new, expanded, reduced, or  
449 eliminated program.

450 7. The funding sources, including, but not limited to, ad  
451 valorem taxes, Surface Water Improvement and Management Program  
452 funds, other state funds, federal funds, and user fees and  
453 permit fees for each program area.

454 (e) The Executive Office of the Governor shall annually, on  
455 or before December 15, file with the Legislature a report that  
456 summarizes its review of the water management districts'  
457 tentative budgets and displays the adopted budget allocations by  
458 program area. The report must identify ~~the~~ districts that are  
459 not in compliance with the reporting requirements of this  
460 section. State funds shall be withheld from a water management  
461 district that fails to comply with these reporting requirements.

462 (6) FINAL BUDGET; ANNUAL AUDIT; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN;  
463 WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAM.—

464 (a) Each district must, by the date specified for each



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465 item, furnish copies of the following documents to the Governor,  
466 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
467 Representatives, the chairs of all legislative committees and  
468 subcommittees having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over the  
469 districts, as determined by the President of the Senate or the  
470 Speaker of the House of Representatives as applicable, the  
471 secretary of the department, and the governing board of each  
472 county in which the district has jurisdiction or derives any  
473 funds for the operations of the district:

474 1. The adopted budget, to be furnished within 10 days after  
475 its adoption.

476 2. A financial audit of its accounts and records, to be  
477 furnished within 10 days after its acceptance by the governing  
478 board. The audit must be conducted in accordance with the  
479 provisions of s. 11.45 and the rules adopted thereunder. In  
480 addition to the entities named above, the district must provide  
481 a copy of the audit to the Auditor General within 10 days after  
482 its acceptance by the governing board.

483 3. A 5-year capital improvements plan, to be included in  
484 the consolidated annual report required by s. 373.036(7). The  
485 plan must include expected sources of revenue for planned  
486 improvements and must be prepared in a manner comparable to the  
487 fixed capital outlay format set forth in s. 216.043.

488 4. A 5-year water resource development work program to be  
489 furnished within 30 days after the adoption of the final budget.  
490 The program must describe the district's implementation strategy  
491 and funding plan for the water resource, water supply, and  
492 alternative water supply development components ~~component~~ of  
493 each approved regional water supply plan developed or revised

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494 under s. 373.709. The work program must address all the elements  
495 of the water resource, water supply, and alternative water  
496 supply development components ~~component~~ in the district's  
497 approved regional water supply plans and must identify ~~which~~  
498 projects in the work program which will provide water; ~~and~~ explain  
499 how each water resource, water supply, and alternative water  
500 supply development project will produce additional water  
501 available for consumptive uses; ~~and~~ estimate the quantity of water  
502 to be produced by each project; ~~and~~ and provide an assessment of  
503 the contribution of the district's regional water supply plans  
504 in providing sufficient water needed to timely meet the water  
505 supply needs of existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses  
506 for a 1-in-10-year drought event.

507 (b) Within 30 days after its submittal, the department  
508 shall review the proposed work program and submit its findings,  
509 questions, and comments to the district. The review must include  
510 a written evaluation of the program's consistency with the  
511 furtherance of the district's approved regional water supply  
512 plans, and the adequacy of proposed expenditures. As part of the  
513 review, the department shall give interested parties the  
514 opportunity to provide written comments on each district's  
515 proposed work program. Within 45 days after receipt of the  
516 department's evaluation, the governing board shall state in  
517 writing to the department which of the changes recommended in  
518 the evaluation it will incorporate into its work program  
519 submitted as part of the March 1 consolidated annual report  
520 required by s. 373.036(7) or specify the reasons for not  
521 incorporating the changes. The department shall include the  
522 district's responses in a final evaluation report and shall

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523 submit a copy of the report to the Governor, the President of  
524 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

525 (c)~~(b)~~ If any entity listed in paragraph (a) provides  
526 written comments to the district regarding any document  
527 furnished under this subsection, the district must respond to  
528 the comments in writing and furnish copies of the comments and  
529 written responses to the other entities.

530 (d)~~(e)~~ The final adopted budget must be posted on the water  
531 management district's official website within 30 days after  
532 adoption.

533 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.