

A photograph of the Palm Beach County Courthouse, a large, light-colored building with a prominent dome and classical architectural features like columns and porticos. The building is set against a clear blue sky. The image is used as a background for a report cover.

PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE 2021 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021 BUDGET SB 2500

Total Budget: \$101.5 billion

- General Revenue: \$36.3 billion
- Trust Funds: \$65.2 billion

Reserves: \$9.5 billion Total Aggregate:

- \$4.9 billion in unallocated GR
- \$2.7 billion - Budget Stabilization Fund
- \$1.9 billion in unallocated TF

The total veto amount was \$1.5 billion; all but \$54 million were federal ARP dollars.

Palm Beach County items vetoed: 12 projects for \$6.2 million.



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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- DEP Everglades Restoration - \$360.1 million
- Northern Everglades - \$71.4 million
- Lake Okeechobee Res. (Incl. DACS) - \$50.8 million
- Beach Funding - \$150 million
- Water Quality Improvements - \$354.5 million
 - Wastewater Grant Program - \$116.7 million
 - Water Quality Improvements Everglades - \$50 million
 - Septic Upgrade Incentive Program - \$10 million
- Water Projects - \$116.6 million including:
 - Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative - \$250,000
 - LRPI - \$353,650
 - Loggerhead Marineline Center WQ - \$249,779
 - Belle Glade Lake O. Watershed Stormwater - \$350,000
 - Delray Beach Owens Baker Tank Imprv. - \$250,000
 - W. Palm Beach Flood Mit. Tidal Valve Project - \$105,000
- Resilient Florida Grant Program- \$500 million
- Wastewater Grant Program- \$500 million
- Land Acquisition- \$300 million
- C-51 Reservoir- \$48 million



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- Alternative Water Supply - \$40 million
- Drinking Water State Revolving Loans - \$136.6 million
- Wastewater State Revolving Loans - \$211.2 million
- Statewide TMDL's - \$46.5 million
- Agricultural BMP's - \$37.2 million
- Wetland and Innovative Technologies - \$10 million
- Blue Green Algae & WQ Monitoring - \$10 million
- Red Tide Research - \$6.9 million
- Water Management Districts MFL's - \$3.5 million
- Petroleum Tank Clean-Up - \$125 million
- Dry Cleaning Solvent Clean-Up - \$6 million
- Hazardous Waste Site Clean-Up - \$12.2 million

- Piney Point Clean-Up - \$100 million
- Florida Keys Stewardship Act - \$20 million



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Beach Projects

Central Boca Raton Beach Nourishment Post-Construction Monitoring	\$29,624
Coral Cove Dune Restoration Post-Construction Monitoring	\$35,000
Delray Beach Shore Protection Project	\$1,188,250
Delray Beach Shore Protection Project Post-Construction Monitoring	\$54,250
Mid-Town Beach Nourishment	\$4,763,017
North Boca Raton Shore Protection Project Post-Construction Monitoring	\$183,400
Phipps Ocean Park Beach Nourishment Post-Construction Monitoring	\$19,500
Singer Island Dune Restoration	\$800,229
Singer Island Dune Restoration Post-Construction Monitoring	\$39,575
South Boca Raton Beach Nourishment	<u>\$4,121,520</u>
TOTAL:	\$11,234,365



AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 1954 - Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience

Creates the Resilient Florida Grant Program, which includes a DEP administered grant fund to provide funding to local governments for the costs of resilience planning such as vulnerability assessments.

HB 7061 (HB 1379) – Property Tax Assessments

Unless a property is deemed uninhabitable, the bill provides that the elevation or rebuilding of a residential property to bring it into compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and the Florida Building Code shall not increase the property's assessed value for tax purposes.

SB 2516 - Water Storage North of Lake Okeechobee

Directs the SFWMD to request that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) seek congressional approval of a project implementation report for the LOWRP by a specified date. Further, it requires the SFWMD to seek a partnership agreement with the Corps and expedite implementation of the LOWRP. The bill also expressly requires the SFWMD and the Corps to use a phased approach that confirms feasibility and site suitability and addresses uncertainties identified in the ASR Science Plan.

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SB 64 – Reclaimed Water

This bill requires certain domestic wastewater utilities to submit to DEP, a five-year plan for eliminating nonbeneficial surface water discharge by January 1, 2032. Utilities located in mobile home parks, rural areas of opportunity, fiscally constrained counties, and municipalities with less than \$10 million a year in revenue are exempt from some of these requirements.

Requires local governments and special districts to authorize graywater technologies to provide incentives for the implementation of such technologies, including a 25% density/intensity bonus to developers who implement greywater tech in at least 75% of their development.

SB 88 – Farming Operations

Expands the Right to Farm Act, adding “agritourism” and the generation of “particle emissions” to the statutory definition of “farm operations” covered by the Act. The bill also raises the burden of proof for civil nuisance claims against agricultural operators.

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HB 839 – Preemption of Energy Infrastructure Regulation

Prohibits a local government from implementing or enforcing any policy, resolution, or ordinance that has the effect of prohibiting, restricting, or requiring the construction of new infrastructure (that used to support the production, import, storage, and distribution of natural gas, petroleum, electricity, biomass, renewable fuels, hydrogen, solar, wind, or geothermal energy), or the expansion, upgrade, or repair of existing energy infrastructure.

HB 1309 – Biosolids

Codifies DEP's Rule and also requires the DEP to obtain a private property owner's consent before entering their property to install monitoring equipment or conduct sampling of a biosolid site.

SB 217 – Conservation Areas Designation

Designates the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area as the Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area and directs the DEP to erect the appropriate markers.

FUTURE ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

