



MISSISSIPPI
WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION

Request for Board Action

Attachment 6.3

Agenda Item: FY 2025 Levy Certification

Presenter: Kevin Reich

Meeting Date: 12 November 2024

Flexibility: Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 12 November 2024

Background (Attach Supporting Documents as needed)

The proposed levy is based on our comprehensive plan and its current update, strategic plan and our members' Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs), and our forecast budget for 2025. We are currently verifying the CIPs slated for 2023–2027 and are reviewing our current-year expenditures to look for ways to reallocate prior-year unspent funds. We will bring a final levy to the November board meeting. At this time, staff is recommending the levy not to exceed \$7,830,000. This represents a 5.7 percent increase.

2025 Final Levy

11/12/2024

Levy Limit set at September MWMO Board Meeting

Final Levy set at the November MWMO Board

Approval of the levy does not constitute approval of individual projects. Funds will be encumbered to a project only after an agreement between the MWMO and the Lead Agency describing the specific scope of work is completed.

2025 Final Levy

Projects Fund	\$ 5,487,150
General Fund	\$ 2,132,300
Capital Asset Replacement Fund	\$ 100,000
Subtotal Budget	\$ 7,719,450
Contingency 1.5% (Uncollected Levy)	\$ 110,550
Total Budget	\$ 7,830,000

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2024-029

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MWMO LEVY AMOUNT FOR FY 2025 AT \$7,830,000

WHEREAS, The MWMO has developed a comprehensive Watershed Management Plan that identifies capital projects, monitoring, watershed assessments and outreach initiatives to implement; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO is required by statute to submit a final levy amount to county auditors by late December of each year; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO staff have met with its members to determine probable projects for 2023–2027; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the final levy and draft budget does not constitute approval of individual projects or initiatives by the board. Funds will be committed to a project only after an agreement between the MWMO and the Lead Agency describing the specific scope of work is completed; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommend the Board of Commissioners adopt a levy amount of \$7,830,000 for MWMO fiscal year 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners moves to set the MWMO levy amount for FY 2025 at \$7,830,000 and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this the 12th day of November, 2024.

Review for the Board: _____

Randy Stille, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director