



MISSISSIPPI
WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION

Request for Board Action

Attachment 6.1

Agenda Item: FY 2026 Final Levy

Presenter: Kevin Reich

Meeting Date: 18 November 2025 **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: 18 November 2025

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 2026. We are currently verifying the CIPs slated for 2024–2028 and are estimating our expected current-year expenditures to determine use of 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 \$8,182,050. This represents a 5.7 percent increase.

2026 Preliminary Levy

11/18/2025

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.

2026 Preliminary Levy

Projects Fund	\$ 5,104,000
General Fund	\$ 2,490,000
Capital Asset Replacement Fund	\$ 477,500
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Subtotal Budget	\$ 8,071,500
Contingency 1.5% (Uncollected Levy)	\$ 110,550
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Total Budget	\$ 8,182,050

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2025-029

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MWMO MAXIMUM LEVY AMOUNT FOR FY 2026 AT \$8,182,050

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 maximum levy amount to county auditors by September 30 of each year for Truth-in-Taxation statements for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO staff have met with its members to determine probable projects for 2025–2028; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the draft levy does not constitute approval of individual projects or initiatives. Funds will be committed to a project only after the MWMO Board approves a specific scope of work to be completed; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommend the Board of Commissioners adopt the maximum levy amount of \$8,182,050 for MWMO fiscal year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners moves to set the maximum MWMO levy amount for FY 2026 at \$8,182,050 and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this the 18th day of November, 2025.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director