



Request for Board Action

Attachment 6.1

Agenda Item: FY 2027 Preliminary Levy

Presenter: Kevin Reich

Meeting Date: 8 September 2026

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: 8 September 2026

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 2025–2029 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. Currently, staff is recommending the levy not to exceed \$8,505,000. This represents a 3.9 percent increase.

2027 Preliminary Levy**9/8/2026****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.

2027 Preliminary Levy

Projects Fund	\$ 5,175,000
General Fund	\$ 2,780,000
Capital Asset Replacement Fund	\$ 367,500
Subtotal Budget	\$ 8,322,500
Contingency 2.2% (Uncollected Levy)	\$ 182,500
Total Budget	\$ 8,505,000

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MWMO MAXIMUM LEVY AMOUNT FOR FY 2027 AT \$8,505,000

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 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 2025–2029; 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 \$8,505,000 for MWMO fiscal year 2027.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners moves to set the maximum MWMO levy amount for FY 2027 at \$8,505,000 and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this the 8th day of September, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director