Request for Board Action

Attachment 6.1

Agenda Item: FY 2027 Final Levy

Presenter: K. Reich

Meeting Date: 10 November 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: 10 November 2026

Background (Attach Supporting Documents as needed)

The 2027 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 2027. We have reviewed the CIPs estimated costs for 2025–2029 used for the 2027 preliminary levy. We have confirmed that amounts included in the preliminary levy are at the appropriate amounts. Therefore staff is continuing to recommend levy not to exceed $8,505,000. This represents a 3.9 percent increase.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MWMO FINAL 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 2026–2029; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the 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 Final 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 Final 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 10th day of November, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director