

26 | and other amounts due with respect to Everglades restoration
27 | bonds issued under s. 215.619; and

28 | (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required
29 | under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,
30 | pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

31 | 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million
32 | shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that
33 | implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set
34 | forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning
35 | Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term
36 | Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades
37 | and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.
38 | From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal
39 | year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida
40 | Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in
41 | s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed
42 | under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of
43 | the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated
44 | each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the
45 | planning, design, engineering, and construction of the
46 | Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.
47 | 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the
48 | Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake
49 | Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage
50 | Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the

51 Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand
52 Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection
53 and the South Florida Water Management District shall give
54 preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce
55 harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.
56 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the
57 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this
58 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to
59 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
60 purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the
61 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph
62 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be
63 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
64 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
65 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

66 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million
67 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,
68 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of
69 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the
70 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds
71 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this
72 paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the
73 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the
74 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal
75 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds

76 | issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this
 77 | subparagraph.

78 | 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually
 79 | each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.
 80 | Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to
 81 | the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be
 82 | reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
 83 | paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
 84 | purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

85 | 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be
 86 | transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019
 87 | fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA
 88 | reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining
 89 | in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of
 90 | the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in
 91 | subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws
 92 | relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such
 93 | purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount
 94 | appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be
 95 | reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
 96 | paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the
 97 | purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

98 | 5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually
 99 | to the South Florida Water Management District for the Lake
 100 | Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s.

101 373.4599. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal
 102 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds
 103 issued after July 1, 2021, for the purposes set forth in this
 104 subparagraph.

105 6.a. The sum of \$20 million shall be appropriated annually
 106 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose
 107 of:

108 (I) Implementing the Florida Keys Stewardship Act, chapter
 109 2016-225, Laws of Florida, by entering into financial assistance
 110 agreements with local governments located in the Florida Keys
 111 Area of Critical State Concern or the City of Key West Area of
 112 Critical State Concern to promote the protection or restoration
 113 of Florida Bay, the Florida Keys, and nearshore marine
 114 ecosystems, including coral reefs; or

115 (II) Acquiring land within the Florida Keys Area of
 116 Critical State Concern as authorized under s. 259.045, with
 117 increased priority given to acquisitions that achieve a
 118 combination of conservation goals, including protecting the
 119 state's water resources and natural groundwater recharge.

120 b. Notwithstanding any other law, the department may not
 121 use the appropriated funds to implement wastewater management
 122 projects or programs.

123 c. The distribution must be reduced by an amount equal to
 124 the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued
 125 after July 1, 2023, for the purposes set forth in this

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126 | subparagraph ~~Notwithstanding subparagraph 3., for the 2022-2023~~
127 | ~~fiscal year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the~~
128 | ~~General Appropriations Act. This subparagraph expires July 1,~~
129 | ~~2023.~~

130 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.