

# FACTS AT A GLANCE



- Miami-Dade Water and Sewer (WASD) is the largest water and wastewater utility in the Southeastern United States and serves nearly 2.4 million people a day.
- There are 2,850 budgeted positions and annual operating budget of \$930 million.
- The primary source of drinking water in Miami-Dade County is the Biscayne Aquifer.
- Water tested more than 150,000 times a year to ensure compliance with federal, state and local drinking water standards.
- The Water Distribution System consists of approximately 8,594 miles of pipe, 155,888 valves and 43,344 fire hydrants.
- There are three regional water plants and five smaller plants that treat more than 300 million gallons of water per day.
- The Sewer Collection System consists of 4,185 miles of wastewater pipelines, 1,061 pump stations, 974 miles of sewer force mains, and 3,211 miles of gravity mains.
- There are three wastewater treatment plants that treat nearly 300 million gallons per day.
- WASD provides direct (retail) service to 457,286 water customers and 372,681 wastewater customers (homes, apartments and office buildings, etc.).
- WASD provides wholesale water service to 15 municipalities and wholesale wastewater service to 13 municipalities, as well as water and wastewater service to the unincorporated areas of the county.
- WASD has invested in nearly \$2.9 billion within the first nine years of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - the largest in Miami-Dade County's history.
- The CIP has resulted in more than \$2.6 billion in assets for the department.
- 2,053 CIP projects have been completed on time or ahead of schedule. Another 804 CIP projects are open and in various stages of progress.
- The CIP is an economic engine that will create 17,000 new jobs during the first 10 years of the program, which will increase service capacity supporting more businesses to open in the community and improving the reliability and sustainability of the water and sewer system.
- During the first decade alone, \$24.9 billion will be generated in positive economic output within Miami-Dade County.