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State-Mandated Review: Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is 'Well Run'; 'Effective' and 'Efficient' Operation

A state-mandated, expansive performance review of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District (FKMCD) has concluded with a final report that is favorable toward the Monroe County special taxing district, its governing board and its employees.

FKMCD is one of 15 independent mosquito control districts currently operating within the state of Florida. During the past year all of these districts have been subject to an extensive performance review in accordance with Florida State Statutes. {189.0695 (3)}

The mandated review was conducted by the contractor Balmoral Group under the auspices of the State's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

Of the areas studied, the report states:

- "Florida Keys MCD is considered one of the best-managed MCDs by peers across the state, based on unsolicited comments from other MCDs."

- “Florida Keys MCD follows industry standards for Integrated Pest Management and provides an array of mosquito control services consistent with the district’s charter and statute.”
- “Revenues and expenditures for Florida Keys MCD are relatively stable and reflect careful management of operating costs and reserves.”
- “Consolidation of operations is not recommended for Florida Keys MCD based on the findings of this review.”

FKMCD employs about 80 employees and is governed by a board comprised of five locally elected commissioners supervising an overall budget of about 18 million dollars in FY 2023-2024.

Aside from being fiscally responsible, the report lauds FKMCD for strategic planning and innovation at a time when the ongoing threat from mosquito-borne disease is high within the state of Florida.

FKMCD Board Chairman Phil Goodman said:

“It is somewhat rewarding to see a third party recognize the hard work and sincere dedication district staff put in to protecting the citizens and visitors in Monroe County every single day of the year. Mosquito Control in the Florida Keys is far more than pest control, it’s a matter of public health, pure and simple.”

The Full OPPAGA/Balmoral Report can be reviewed at <https://oppaga.fl.gov/ContractedReviews>.

The report will now be subject for legislative committee review and has the potential for future consideration by lawmakers in Tallahassee.

About the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District

The mission of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is to control the mosquito population using the most effective methods, techniques, equipment and insecticides; thus enhancing the quality of life for all residents and reducing the possibility of mosquito transmitted diseases.

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