

Uniform Special District Accountability Act

Sections 189.069 and 189.016, Florida Statutes

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

FY 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024)

As an independent Special District of the State of Florida, the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program is required by Florida Statutes 189.069 and 189.016 to post the following information each fiscal year.

- 1) Full legal name: Sarasota Bay Estuary Program
- 2) Public Purpose: The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program is an intergovernmental partnership dedicated to restoring and protecting Sarasota Bay. The program strives to improve water quality, increase habitat, and enhance the area's natural resources for the use and enjoyment by the public.
- 3) Governing Body: The SBEP's governing body is its Policy Board. [Click here](#) for a list of SBEP Policy Board members.
- 4) Fiscal Year: October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024
- 5) The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program was established as an Independent Special District in 2004 by means of an [Interlocal Agreement](#) between its partners.
- 6) Address and website:

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program
111 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200W
Sarasota, FL 34236

Sarasotabay.org
(941) 955-8085

- 7) Boundaries and services provided:

The boundaries of the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program include Sarasota Bay and its watershed. The SBEP provides services that include implementing Bay-related scientific and educational projects and programs, coordinating project partners, and managing grants to restore watershed habitats.

- 8) All taxes, fees, assessments, or charges:

The SBEP does not have taxing or regulatory authority. Voluntary dues are provided by members of the SBEP Policy Board.

- 9) Primary contacts:

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10) Code of ethics:

The SBEP adopted bylaws include Standards of Performance of Board members and Conflict of Interest provisions.

The bylaws of the SBEP Policy and Management Boards are described in the SBEP Operating Procedures Manual, linked below. The SBEP Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws were adopted in 2014 and are linked below. The SBEP Technical Advisory Committee operates as an ad-hoc committee and does not have adopted bylaws.

[SBEP Operating Procedures Manual](#)

[Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws](#)

11) Budget:

Please [click here](#) to see SBEP's approved budget for FY2024.

12) Final Audit:

Please [click here](#) to read SBEP's approved audit for FY2023.