

AGENDA  
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
1ST PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:30 p.m., Tuesday  
September 10, 2013

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Explanation of purpose of public hearing which is to adopt a proposed millage rate and tentative budget.
3. Presentation of Tentative Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.
4. Board discussion of the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 of 0.4143, a 1.0 percent decrease from the rolled-back millage rate of 0.4186, and a Tentative Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget of \$23,790,518.
5. Comments and questions from the general public.
6. **Adoption of proposed millage rate of 0.4143.**  
**Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the proposed millage rate of 0.4143 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.**
7. **Adoption of Tentative Budget of \$23,790,518.**  
**Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the Tentative Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget of \$23,790,518.**
8. Announcements.
  - September 24, 2013, 5:30 p.m. will be the Final Public Hearing on FY 2013-2014 Budget at the District Headquarters.
9. Adjournment.

Note:

The above represents the agenda for the September 2013 Governing Board Public Hearing on the FY2014 Budget for the Suwannee River Water Management District. This agenda may be revised under the direction of the Board Chair.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Ann Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director

DATE: August 26, 2013

RE: Adoption of Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt a proposed millage rate of 0.4143 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and adopt a Tentative Budget of \$23,790,518 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.**

### BACKGROUND

At the June 11, 2013, Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board approved maintaining the current millage rate of 0.4143 and approved a Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Budget of \$23,305,518. At the July 9, 2013, Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board approved an update to the Tentative FY 2013-2014 budget to \$23,790,518.

The Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Budget has been developed in accordance with the budget guidelines set forth by the Governing Board. Also, staff has worked in cooperation with the Governor's Office and Legislature to ensure adequate fiscal resources are available to effectively implement our core mission. This budget was developed in keeping with statutory provisions and direction provided by the Governor's Office, the Florida Legislature, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

The following is a summary of the Tentative FY 2013-2014 budget and program highlights.

#### **Budget Summary:**

The FY 2013-2014 Tentative Budget represents a standardized approach to budgeting and fiscal responsibility. It reflects the District's effort to prudently address core mission responsibilities that consist of water quality, water supply, flood protection, and natural systems in accordance with Governing Board priorities, Legislative directives, adopted Minimum Flows and Levels schedule, the District's 2010 Water Resource Assessment, and the District's Strategic Plan.

The FY 2013-2014 Tentative Budget is \$23,790,518 and supports the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems responsibilities. The proposed millage rate of 0.4143 is the same as last fiscal year. The Tentative Budget includes \$5,384,693 in ad valorem revenue and \$5,500,000 in cost-share reserves for agricultural and local government

programs for springs protection and restoration, water resource development, water conservation, water quality, and natural systems.

The FY 2013-2014 Tentative Budget includes \$8,653,150 in State appropriations which \$5,896,506 is proposed for springs and water supply protection and enhancement activities, minimum flows and levels program, and water quality improvement projects; \$2,016,644 for land management and natural system protection activities, and \$740,000 for the State's delegated regulatory initiatives. Also, the Tentative Budget includes State grants of \$1,134,750 for implementation of agricultural best management practices and Federal grants of \$1,123,000 for implementation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Risk Map program to deliver quality data that increases public awareness and to reduce future flooding vulnerability.

The fund reserves are consistent with Governmental Accounting Standard Board's budgeting standards. The bulk of the reserve funds will be spent down over a five-year period to support core mission projects and cost-share programs that benefit the citizens and resources of the District.

The Tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget reflects a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) work force of 66 employees and two student intern positions. The District does not have any OPS or contingent worker positions.

**Program Highlights:**

- Continuation of the Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL) program with a goal to have MFLs set on priority rivers and springs within 4 years.
- Continuation of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and FDEP to develop a regional water supply plan and to bring stakeholders of both districts together to assist in water supply planning efforts.
- Continuation of the data management, monitoring (inclusive of hydrologic, groundwater, and surfacewater monitoring networks), and analysis efforts to monitor and collect data to support the District's programs.
- Implementation of an Agricultural Team.
- Continuation of Flood Insurance Rate Maps updates through funding provided by the Federal Emergency Management Administration.
- Continuation of the land management and surplus lands program.
- Implementation of aquifer recharge projects in partnership with SJRWMD.
- Continuation of efforts to improve, update, and enhance the District's commitment to information technology in the form of computing facilities, software and data management tools, Geographic Information Systems, and internet services to the public.
- Continuation of the Santa Fe River Basin Nutrient Reduction and Irrigation Retrofit program.

- Continuation of the Springs Restoration program.

The Tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget will enable the District to protect our water resources for the benefit of our citizens and natural systems while lessening the burden on taxpayers and establishing a high level of public service.

The Tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget documents our commitment to implement cost efficiencies and enhance existing programs. We appreciate the input and support of the Governing Board in this process.

The final public hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at the District's office located at 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida.

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