

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:30 p.m., Tuesday
September 24, 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 final millage rate and final budget.
3. Final Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.
4. Comments and questions from the general public.
5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2013-19 adopting a millage rate of 0.4143.**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2013-19 to adopt a millage rate of 0.4143 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2013-20 adopting a final budget of \$29,238,518.**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2013-20 to adopt a final budget of \$29,238,518 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
7. Announcements:
Governing Board Meeting, October 10, 2013, 9:00 a.m., in Cedar Key.
Governing Board Workshop, October 11, 2013, 8:30 a.m., in Cedar Key.
8. Adjournment.

Note:

The above represents the agenda for the September 2013 Governing Board Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 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: September 18, 2013

RE: Approval of Resolution No. 2013-19 Adopting Millage Rate and Resolution No. 2013-20 Adopting Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 2013-19 adopting a final millage rate of 0.4143 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and approve Resolution No. 2013-20 adopting a final budget of \$29,238,518 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

BACKGROUND

At the September 10, 2013, Governing Board First Public Hearing on the proposed millage rate and tentative budget, the Governing Board set the millage rate at 0.4143 and approved a Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Tentative Budget of \$29,238,518. The final millage rate is 1.0% below the rolled-back rate of 0.4186.

Staff worked in cooperation with the Governor's Office and the 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.

Budget Summary:

The FY 2013-2014 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 Budget is \$29,238,518 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 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 Budget includes \$8,653,150 in State appropriations of 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 Budget includes State grants of \$3,900,000 for the Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement Project; \$1,548,000 for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project; \$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 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 Springs and Water Supply Protection and Enhancement activities.
- 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.
- Continuation 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.

The 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 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.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-19

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE PROPERTIES LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District does hereby adopt as its final millage rate 0.4143 of a mill to be levied upon all of the real and tangible personal property located within the boundaries of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Section 2. This final millage rate of 0.4143 of a mill is for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to defray expenses of the Suwannee River Water Management District for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

Section 3. This final levy of 0.4143 of a mill is 1.0 percent below the rolled-back rate of 0.4186.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013, A.D., AT _____ P.M., BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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ATTEST:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-20

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013
AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District does hereby adopt as its final budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, the final budget of \$29,238,518, a summary of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

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Suwannee River Water Management District

Budget Summary

Fiscal Year 2013-2014

	General Funds	Special Funds	Total
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$5,985,000	\$424,874	\$6,409,874
TAXES			
Ad Valorem Taxes (Millage per \$1000 / 0.4143 Mills)	\$5,384,693	\$0	\$5,384,693
PERMIT AND LICENSE FEES	\$0	\$171,939	\$171,939
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Water Management Lands Trust Fund - Operations	\$0	\$4,913,150	\$4,913,150
Water Management Lands Trust Fund - Springs Protection	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Florida Forever	\$0	\$363,000	\$363,000
Wetlands Grant	\$0	\$247,000	\$247,000
Environmental Resource Permitting Grant	\$0	\$453,000	\$453,000
Delineated Areas Grant	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
DEP Santa Fe River Nutrient Reduction Grant	\$0	\$1,134,750	\$1,134,750
DEP Springs Protection and Restoration Grants	\$0	\$5,448,000	\$5,448,000
FEDERAL GRANTS			
FEMA Grants	\$0	\$1,123,000	\$1,123,000
LOCAL REVENUES			
Madison Blue Monitoring	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest and General Sales	\$333,794	\$0	\$333,794
Timber Sales	\$146,318	\$0	\$146,318
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$5,934,805	\$16,893,839	\$22,828,644
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	\$11,919,805	\$17,318,713	\$29,238,518
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,680,250	\$2,069,463	\$5,749,713
Contractual Services	\$3,828,031	\$14,180,826	\$18,008,857
Operating Expenses	\$1,020,698	\$244,050	\$1,264,748
Operating Capital Outlay	\$127,600	\$101,500	\$229,100
Fixed Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Expenditures	\$3,263,226	\$722,874	\$3,986,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,919,805	\$17,318,713	\$29,238,518
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$11,919,805	\$17,318,713	\$29,238,518

THE PRELIMINARY, TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE
OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.