

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:05 p.m., Tuesday
September 23, 2014

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 2014-2015 Budget.
4. Comments and questions from the general public.
5. **Approval of Resolution No. 2014-23 Adopting a Millage Rate of 0.4141.**
Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2014-23 to adopt a millage rate of 0.4141 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
6. **Approval of Resolution No. 2014-24 Adopting a Final Budget of \$33,429,287.**
Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2013-24 to adopt a final budget of \$33,429,287 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
7. Announcements:
Governing Board Meeting, October 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Cedar Key, Florida
Governing Board Workshop, October 17, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Cedar Key, Florida
8. Adjournment.

Note:

The above represents the agenda for the September, 23 2014 Governing Board Final Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Millage Rate and 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 9, 2014

RE: Adoption of Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve 1) Resolution No. 2014-23 adopting a final millage rate of 0.4141 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and 2) approve Resolution No. 2014-24 adopting a final budget of \$33,429,287 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

BACKGROUND

At the September 9, 2014, Governing Board First Public Hearing on the proposed millage rate and tentative budget, the Governing Board set the millage rate at 0.4141 and approved a Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Tentative Budget of \$33,429,287. The final millage rate is the roll-back rate, which is a reduction of 0.5 percent.

The FY 2014-2015 Budget has been developed in accordance with the budget guidelines set forth by the Governing Board. Also, 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.

The following is a summary of the FY 2014-2015 Budget and program highlights.

Budget Summary:

The FY 2014-2015 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 Supply Assessment, and the District's Strategic Plan.

The FY 2014-2015 Budget is \$33,429,287 and supports the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems responsibilities. The Budget proposes to reduce the existing millage rate of 0.4143 to the roll-back rate of 0.4141. The Budget includes

\$5,581,385 in ad valorem revenue and \$6,986,260 in reserves for agricultural and local government cost share programs for springs protection and restoration, water resource development, water conservation, water quality, and natural systems projects.

The FY 2014-2015 Budget includes \$18,607,641 in State appropriations for springs and water supply protection and enhancement activities, minimum flows and levels program, water quality improvement projects, land management and natural system protection activities, and regulatory initiatives.

Also, the Budget includes State grants of \$8,123,660 for springs projects that received favorable consideration by the Joint Legislative Budget Commission on September 10, 2014 and a Federal grant of \$1,129,000 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.

Program Highlights:

- Establishing minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for four coastal rivers and their associated priority springs, along with development of prevention or recovery strategies for those water bodies not meeting their MFL;
- Completing the Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement Project that will reduce the City of Lake City's wastewater nutrient loadings to the Ichetucknee River by up to 85 percent;
- Completing the Middle Suwannee River Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project that will rehydrate roughly 1,500 acres of ponds and 4,000 acres of wetlands in Mallory Swamp, enhance flow for springs along the Middle Suwannee River Basin, and recharge the aquifer increasing groundwater supplies helping both agriculture and domestic water users throughout the area;
- 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.

The FY 2014-2015 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 Budget documents our commitment to implement cost efficiencies and enhance existing programs.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-23

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 2014-2015 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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 0.4141 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 0.4141 of a mill is for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to defray expenses of the Suwannee River Water Management District for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

Section 3. This final levy of 0.4141 of a mill is the roll-back rate, which is a 0.5 percent reduction.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014, 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**

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ATTEST:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-24

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014
AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

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, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015, the final budget of \$33,429,287, a summary of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2014-15

The Proposed Operating Budget Expenditures of the Suwannee River Water Management District are 5% more than Last Year's Total Operating Expenditures.

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION		\$6,986,260		\$6,986,260
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
AD VALOREM TAXES (Roll-back rate)	0.4141	\$5,581,385		\$5,581,385
OTHER REVENUES				
Federal Revenue			\$1,129,000	1,129,000
State Revenue			18,607,641	18,607,641
Local Revenue		370,000		370,000
Permit and License Fees		75,000		75,000
Interest Earnings		354,000		354,000
Timber Sales		326,001		326,001
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$6,706,386	\$19,736,641	\$26,443,027
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES		\$13,692,646	\$19,736,641	\$33,429,287
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES		19,804,594	11,051,351	30,855,945
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		\$33,497,240	\$30,787,992	\$64,285,232

II. EXPENDITURES

WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$4,043,314	\$3,505,869	\$7,549,183
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		5,063,528	15,306,160	20,369,688
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS		2,409,131		2,409,131
REGULATION		353,834	924,612	1,278,446
OUTREACH		250,483		250,483
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		1,572,356		1,572,356
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THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.