

AGENDA  
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
1ST PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:05 p.m., Tuesday  
September 8, 2015

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Explanation of purpose of public hearing which is to adopt a tentative millage rate and tentative budget.
3. Presentation of Tentative Fiscal Year 2015-2016 millage rate and budget.
4. Board discussion of the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 of 0.4104, the rolled-back millage rate, and a Tentative Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget of \$43,335,921.
5. Comments and questions from the general public.
6. **Adoption of proposed millage rate of 0.4104 (Resolution No. 2015-21).**
  - **Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the proposed millage rate of 0.4104 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**
7. **Adoption of Tentative Budget of \$43,335,921 (Resolution No. 2015-22).**
  - **Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the Tentative Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget of \$43,335,921.**
8. Announcements:
  - September 22, 2015, 5:05 p.m. will be the Final Public Hearing on FY 2015-2016 Budget at the District Headquarters.
9. Adjournment.

Note:

The above represents the agenda for the September 8, 2015, Governing Board 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on the FY2015-2016 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: Carlos D. Herd, P.G. Interim Executive Director  
DATE: August 28, 2015  
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-21, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2015-21 to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.4104 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District is the taxing authority that tentatively proposes to levy the roll-back millage rate of 0.4104 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY 2016), which is a 0.0 percent change from the roll-back rate. The roll-back millage rate of 0.4104 is based on taxable property values from all the property appraiser's offices within the District.

At the July 14, 2015, Governing Board Meeting the Board approved a proposed roll-back millage rate of 0.4104 for FY 2016, a Tentative Budget of \$43,335,921 and authorized staff to notify the property appraisers for all the counties within the District.

The Tentative FY 2016 millage rate and 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 tentative millage rate and 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 final public hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2015, at 5:05 p.m. at the District's office located at 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida.

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-21**

**ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) by authority of Article VII, Section 9(b) of the Florida Constitution, and Chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, is authorized to levy ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the ensuing fiscal year of the District shall extend the period beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District has determined that a tentative millage rate as provided for in Sections 200.065, 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes, is necessary to provide funds for the tentative budgeted expenditures of the District for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and should be levied in the amount set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, notices of proposed property taxes, advising of date, time, and place of the first public budget hearing, were prepared and transmitted, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, by the county property appraisers of each county within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9925 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida, on September 8, 2015, commencing at 5:05 p.m. as provided in the notice, at which the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage of change from the rolled-back rate, and the millage rate to be levied were publicly announced, and the general public was allowed to ask questions and speak prior to the adoption of any measures.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District that:

1. That there is adopted and tentatively levied a millage rate, as provided for in Sections 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes, at the rolled-back rate, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, to be assessed on the tax rolls for the year 2015, for the purpose of levying a uniform ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the counties within the District as certified by the county property appraisers pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, excluding lands held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to the extent specified in Section 373.543, Florida Statutes.
2. The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 tentative millage rate of 0.4104 is equal to the rolled-back rate of 0.4104 mills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

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ATTEST:

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Carlos D. Herd, P.G. Interim Executive Director  
DATE: August 28, 2015  
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-22, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

### RECOMMENDATION

## **Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2015-22 to adopt a Tentative Budget of \$43,335,921 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

### BACKGROUND

At the July 14, 2015 Governing Board Meeting the Board approved a Tentative Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY 2016) Budget of \$43,335,921 and a proposed roll-back millage rate of 0.4104. The Tentative FY 2016 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.

The following is a summary of the Tentative FY 2016 Budget and program highlights.

#### **Budget Summary:**

The FY 2016 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 2016 Tentative Budget is \$43,335,921 and supports the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems responsibilities. The Tentative Budget proposes to reduce the existing millage rate of 0.4141 to the roll-back rate of 0.4104. The Tentative Budget includes \$5,580,000 in projected ad valorem revenue and \$20,105,463 in reserves for agricultural and local government cost-share projects, springs protection and restoration projects, water supply planning, water resource development projects, water quality improvement projects, and natural systems projects.

The Tentative Budget also includes FY 2016 State appropriations of \$3,917,909 for water supply protection and development activities, minimum flows and levels program, water quality improvement projects, operational activities and regulatory initiatives. Additionally, the Tentative

Budget includes \$5,030,000 for seven new springs protection and restoration grants. Approximately 57% of the District's budget is allocated to springs protection and restoration.

The Tentative Budget also has \$1,020,000 from a Federal grants 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 2016 Budget reflects a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) work force of 68 employees and two student intern positions. The District does not have any OPS or contingent worker positions.

**Program Highlights:**

- Establishing minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for the Steinhatchee River, Steinhatchee Rise, Steinhatchee TAY76992 Unnamed Spring, Upper Suwannee River, White Spring, Lime Spring, Suwannee Spring, Alapaha Rise, Holton Creek Rise, SUW923973 (Steverson) Spring, SUW1017972 Unnamed Spring, Lake Butler and Lake Hampton;
- Continuing the partnership with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) ) to acquire light detection and ranging (LiDAR) mapping;
- 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;
- Continuing spring grants for the Advanced Nutrient Management through Center Pivots, Improved Conservation and Nutrient Optimization of Dairy Wastewater, and Improved Water Conservation through Center Pivots to improve water quality; and
- Implementing seven new springs grants to protect and improve flow and quality.

The Tentative FY 2016 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 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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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-22**

**ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

**WHEREAS**, Chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, require that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) adopt a tentative budget for the District for each fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District, after careful consideration and study, has caused to be prepared a tentative budget, including all items that are necessary and proper as provided by law for the District, for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, as provided for in Sections 200.065, 218.33, and 373.536, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, notices of proposed property taxes, advising of date, time and place of the first public budget hearing, were prepared and mailed, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, by the county property appraisers of each county within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9925 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida, on September 8, 2015, commencing at 5:05 p.m. as provided in the notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District, prior to adopting a tentative budget, has adopted Resolution Number 2015-21, Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which established the tentative millage levy for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as provided for in Sections 200.065, 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**; by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District that:

That the attached budget is hereby adopted as the tentative budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, as the tentative operating and fiscal guide of the District for the upcoming fiscal year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2015.**

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BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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**ATTEST:**

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## BUDGET SUMMARY

### Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2015-2016

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
<b>FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION</b>		\$7,373,215	\$ 12,732,248	\$20,105,463
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>				
AD VALOREM TAXES (Roll-back rate)	0.4104	\$5,580,000		\$5,580,000
OTHER REVENUES				
Federal Revenue			\$1,210,000	1,210,000
State Revenue			15,599,858	15,599,858
Local Revenue			105,600	105,600
Permit and License Fees		135,000		135,000
Interest Earnings		300,000		300,000
Timber Sales		300,000		300,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>		<b>\$6,315,000</b>	<b>\$16,915,458</b>	<b>\$23,230,458</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>		<b>\$13,688,215</b>	<b>\$29,647,706</b>	<b>\$43,335,921</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/RESERVES</b>		<b>21,581,704</b>	<b>11,447,236</b>	<b>33,028,940</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$35,269,919</b>	<b>\$41,094,942</b>	<b>\$76,364,861</b>
<b>II. EXPENDITURES</b>				
WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$5,799,142	\$3,790,600	\$9,589,742
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		3,972,924	24,089,197	28,062,121
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS		1,385,752	1,227,909	2,613,661
REGULATION		779,098	540,000	1,319,098
OUTREACH		245,483	0	245,483
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		1,505,816		1,505,816
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$13,688,215</b>	<b>\$29,647,706</b>	<b>\$43,335,921</b>
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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.*