

AGENDA  
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
1ST PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE  
**FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:05 p.m., Tuesday  
September 13, 2016

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 2017 millage rate and budget.
4. Board discussion of the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2017 of 0.4093, the rolled-back millage rate, and a Tentative Fiscal Year 2017 Budget of \$67,432,237.
5. Comments and questions from the general public.
6. **Adoption of proposed millage rate of 0.4093 (Resolution No. 2016-05).**
  - **Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the proposed millage rate of 0.4093 for Fiscal Year 2017.**
7. **Adoption of Tentative Budget of \$67,432,237 (Resolution No. 2016-06).**
  - **Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the Tentative Fiscal Year 2017 Budget of \$67,432,237.**
8. Announcements:
  - September 27, 2016, 5:05 p.m. will be the Final Public Hearing on FY 2017 Budget at the District Headquarters.
9. Adjournment.

Note:

The above represents the agenda for the September 13, 2016, Governing Board 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on the FY2017 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: Noah Valenstein, Executive Director  
DATE: August 31, 2016  
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-05, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2016-05 to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.4093 for Fiscal Year 2017.**

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District is the taxing authority that tentatively proposes to levy the roll-back millage rate of 0.4093 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, which is a 0.0 percent change from the roll-back rate. The roll-back millage rate of 0.4093 is based on taxable property values from all the property appraiser's offices within the District.

At the July 12, 2015, Governing Board Meeting the Board approved a proposed roll-back millage rate of 0.4093 for FY 2017, a Tentative Budget of \$67,432.237 and authorized staff to notify the property appraisers for all the counties within the District.

The Tentative FY 2017 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 27, 2016, at 5:05 p.m. at the District's office located at 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida.

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Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-05**

**ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

**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, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017; 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 2017 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 13, 2016, 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 2017, to be assessed on the tax rolls for the year 2016, 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 2017 tentative millage rate of 0.4093 is equal to the rolled-back rate of 0.4093 mills.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-05**

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

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

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

**DON QUINCEY, CHAIR  
ALPHONAS ALEXANDER, VICE CHAIR  
VIRGINIA H. JOHNS, SECRETARY/TREASURER  
KEVIN W. BROWN  
GARY JONES  
VIRGINIA SANCHEZ  
RICHARD SCHWAB  
BRADLEY WILLIAMS**

**ATTEST:**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Noah Valenstein, Executive Director  
DATE: August 31, 2016  
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-06, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2016-06 to adopt a Tentative Budget of \$67,432,237 for Fiscal Year 2017**

BACKGROUND

At the July 12, 2016 Governing Board Meeting the Board approved a Tentative FY 2017 Budget of \$67,432,237 and a proposed roll-back millage rate of 0.4093. The Tentative FY 2017 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 Tentative FY 2017 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.

The final public hearing is scheduled for September 27, 2016, 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 2016-06**

**ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

**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, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, 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 13, 2016, 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 2016-05, Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017, which established the tentative millage levy for Fiscal Year 2017 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, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, as the tentative operating and fiscal guide of the District for the upcoming fiscal year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

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

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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BRADLEY WILLIAMS**

**ATTEST:**

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# BUDGET SUMMARY

**Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2016-2017**  
 The Proposed Operating Budget Expenditures of the Suwannee River Water Management District  
 are 10.4% more than Last Year's Total Operating Expenditures.

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
<b>FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION</b>		<b>\$11,337,768</b>	<b>\$ 7,200,000</b>	<b>\$18,537,768</b>
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>				
AD VALOREM TAXES (Roll-back rate)	0.4093	\$5,756,255		\$5,756,255
OTHER REVENUES				
Federal Revenue			\$3,154,037	3,154,037
State Revenue			38,660,689	38,660,689
Local Revenue			105,600	105,600
Permit and License Fees		135,000		135,000
Interest Earnings		200,000		200,000
Timber Sales		882,887		882,887
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>		<b>\$6,974,142</b>	<b>\$41,920,326</b>	<b>\$48,894,468</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>		<b>\$18,311,910</b>	<b>\$49,120,326</b>	<b>\$67,432,236</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/RESERVES</b>		<b>15,489,172</b>	<b>5,003,582</b>	<b>20,492,754</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$33,801,082</b>	<b>\$54,123,908</b>	<b>\$87,924,990</b>
<b>II. EXPENDITURES</b>				
WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$5,121,870	\$5,563,836	\$10,685,706
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		9,253,348	40,050,771	49,304,119
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS		1,917,953	2,502,719	4,420,672
REGULATION		914,952	453,000	1,367,952
OUTREACH		228,202	0	228,202
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		875,585	550,000	1,425,585
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$18,311,910</b>	<b>\$49,120,326</b>	<b>\$67,432,236</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/RESERVES</b>		<b>15,489,172</b>	<b>5,003,582</b>	<b>20,492,754</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$33,801,082</b>	<b>\$54,123,908</b>	<b>\$87,924,990</b>

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