

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:05 p.m., Tuesday
September 27, 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 final millage rate and final budget.
3. Presentation of Final Fiscal Year 2017 millage rate and budget.
4. Comments and questions from the general public.
5. **Approval of Resolution No. 2016-08 Adopting a Millage Rate of 0.4093**
Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2016-08 to adopt a millage rate of 0.4093 for Fiscal Year 2017
6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-09 Adopting a Final Budget of \$67,432,236**
Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2016-09 Adopting a Final Budget of \$67,432,236
7. Announcements:
Next Governing Board Meeting, October 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m., District Headquarters
8. Adjournment.

Note:

The above represents the agenda for the September 27, 2016, Governing Board Final Public Hearing on the FY2017 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: Noah Valenstein, Executive Director
DATE: September 15, 2016
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-08, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2016-08 to adopt a Final 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 14, 2016, Governing Board Meeting the Board approved a proposed roll-back millage rate of 0.4093 for FY 2017, a Tentative Budget of \$67,432.236 and authorized staff to notify the property appraisers for all the counties within the District.

At the September 13, 2016, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and tentative budget the Governing Board approved Resolution 2016-05 to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.4093 for FY 2017 and Resolution 2016-06 to adopt a tentative budget of \$67,432.236.

The 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 final 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.

RS/pf
Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-08**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 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 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 FINAL millage rate and budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida, on September 27, 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. The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District does hereby adopt as its final millage rate 0.4093 of a mill for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, 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. This final millage rate of 0.4093 of a mill is for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to defray expenses of the Suwannee River Water Management District for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.
3. This Fiscal Year 2016-2017 millage rate of 0.4093 is equal to the roll-back rate of 0.4093 mills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016, 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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GARY JONES
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RICHARD SCHWAB
BRADLEY WILLIAMS

ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Noah Valenstein, Executive Director
DATE: September 15, 2016
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-09, Final Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2016-09 to adopt a Final Budget of \$67,432,236 for Fiscal Year 2017

BACKGROUND

At the September 13, 2016, the first public hearing on the FY 2017 tentative millage rate and tentative budget the Governing Board approved Resolution 2016-05 to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.4093 and Resolution 2016-06 to adopt a tentative budget of \$67,432,236.

The 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 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 Final 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.

RS/pf
Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-09**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 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 millage rate and budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9225 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 final 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 budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, as the final operating and fiscal guide of the District for the upcoming fiscal year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016, A.D., AT _____ P.M.,
BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:**

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ATTEST:

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
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION		\$11,337,768	\$ 7,200,000	\$18,537,768
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
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
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$6,974,142	\$41,920,326	\$48,894,468
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES		\$18,311,910	\$49,120,326	\$67,432,236
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES		15,489,172	5,003,582	20,492,754
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		\$33,801,082	\$54,123,908	\$87,924,990
II. EXPENDITURES				
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
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES		\$18,311,910	\$49,120,326	\$67,432,236
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES		15,489,172	5,003,582	20,492,754
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		\$33,801,082	\$54,123,908	\$87,924,990

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