



# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

September 28, 2015

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The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor  
State of Florida  
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget

Dear Governor Scott:

In accordance with Section 373,536, Florida Statutes, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is pleased to submit its final budget (see attachment) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY 2016) as adopted by the Governing Board on September 22, 2015.

The Governing Board approved the rolled-back millage rate of 0.4104, which is a decrease of 0.89% from the last year. The ad valorem taxes are projected to generate \$5.58 million. The FY 2016 Budget is \$43.34 million and supports the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection and natural system responsibilities. Also, the budget includes grant funding for seven new springs protection and restoration projects from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that is provided in the Keep Florida Working Budget. Additionally, the budget includes State funding for operations, land management activities, and water resource protection initiatives.

The District's major objective and priorities for FY 2016 include:

- \$24.70 million for springs restoration and protection, including \$5.03 million for seven new springs projects. This funding will restore and ensure the long-term protection to improve water quality, offset groundwater withdrawals, enhance flows, assist agricultural producers in saving water and preventing nutrient loadings from entering into spring basins, and restore and protect streambanks at various springs throughout the District.
- \$1.98 million to complete the technical work of establishment of minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for nine springs, two rivers and two lakes along with development of prevention or recovery strategies for those water bodies not meeting their MFL. Focusing on MFLs will help protect the availability of our water resources for both the present and future as well as protect our natural resources from destruction.
- \$2.01 million in cost-share funds to assist governmental entities with flood protection, enhancing and restoring natural systems, and improving water quality.

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- \$4.96 million for continued implementation of agricultural water use monitoring, modernizing ground and surface water data collection efforts, improving topographic data with light detection and ranging.
- \$2.09 million to fund land management activities for making Payment in Lieu of Taxes to our communities, invasive species control, prescribed burning, monitoring conservation easements, maintaining recreational sites to ensure public accessibility, and facilities.
- \$1.01 million federal grant which will enable the District to deliver quality data that increases public awareness and to reduce future flooding vulnerability.

The total FY 2016 budget is \$43.34 million consisting of non-recurring expenditures in the amount of \$31.46 million and recurring expenditures in the amount of \$11.88 million, which administrative costs are \$1.82 million. In summary, roughly 57% of the budget is committed to spring protection and restoration projects and initiatives that protect our water and natural resources. This budget reflects our motto "water for nature, water for people." Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Carlos D. Herd  
Interim Executive Director

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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Andy Gardiner, President, Florida Senate  
The Honorable Steve Crisafulli, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives  
The Honorable Tom Lee, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Alan Hays, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on General Government  
The Honorable Charles Dean, Sr., Chair, Senate Committee on Environmental  
Preservation and Conservation  
The Honorable Dorothy L. Hukill, Chair, Senate Finance and Tax Committee  
The Honorable Anitere Flores, Chair, Senate Committee on Fiscal Policy  
The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, House Agricultural and Natural Resources  
Appropriations Subcommittee  
The Honorable Matt Gaetz, Chair, House Finance and Tax Committee  
The Honorable Matthew Caldwell, Chair, House State Affairs Committee  
The Honorable Tom Goodson, Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee  
Donald J. Quincey, Jr., SRWMD, Chair  
Jonathan P. Steverson, FDEP, Secretary  
County Commissioner Chairs

# 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.*