



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

January 12, 2016

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

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NOAH VALENSTEIN
Executive Director

Subject: Preliminary Budget Report Submission for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Dear Governor Scott:

In accordance with section 373.535, Florida Statutes, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is providing for review the Preliminary Budget Report Submission for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017. This document is also available on the District's website at mysuwanneeriver.com.

The Preliminary FY 2016-2017 Budget reflects the District's effort to address core mission responsibilities that consist of water quality, water supply, flood protection and natural systems.

The District covers approximately 7,600 square miles which is nearly 12% of the State's land area. Within the District are over 300 springs, 13 river basins, numerous lakes and the state's least-developed coastline. These natural systems are unique in Florida and help drive the local and regional economies.

The District proposes to maintain the existing millage rate of 0.4104 and direct significant reserve funding to key projects and programs. The proposed Preliminary Budget is \$33,676,525 and includes only those items that are expected to be expended in the fiscal year. With the assistance of state funding, the proposed budget supports the District's core mission.

The District's Preliminary Budget reflects a commitment to partnering with local governments and other stakeholders to implement projects to ensure an adequate water supply, maintain and improve water quality, provide for non-structural flood protection and protect our natural systems throughout the region.

Please contact me at 386.362.1001 should you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,


Noah Valenstein
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Donald J. Quincey, Jr., SRWMD Chair
Jonathan P. Steverson, FDEP, Secretary

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