

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:05 p.m., Tuesday
September 26, 2017

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 2018 millage rate and budget.
4. Board discussion of the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018 of 0.4027, the rolled-back millage rate, and a Final Fiscal Year 2018 Budget of \$82,858,077.
5. Comments and questions from the general public.
6. Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-11, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
 - **Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2017-11 to adopt a Final Millage Rate of 0.4027 for Fiscal Year 2018.**
7. Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-12, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018
 - **Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2017-12 to adopt a Final Budget of \$82,858,077 for Fiscal Year 2018.**
8. Announcements:
9. Adjournment.

Note:

The above represents the agenda for the September 26, 2017, Governing Board Final Public Hearing on the FY 2018 Budget for the Suwannee River Water

Any member of the public, who wishes to address the Board on any agenda item, or any other topic, must sign up (including the completion of the required speaker forms) with the Executive Director or designee before the time designated for Public Comment. During Public Comment, the Chair shall recognize those persons signed up to speak on agenda items first. To the extent time permits, the Chair shall thereafter recognize those persons signed up to speak on non-agenda items. Unless, leave is given by the Chair, (1) all speakers will be limited to three minutes per topic, (2) any identifiable group of three persons or more shall be required to choose a representative, who shall be limited to five minutes per topic. When recognized by the Chair during Public Comment, a speaker may request to be allowed to make his or her comments at the time the Board considers a particular agenda item. The Chair may grant or deny such request in the Chair's sole discretion.

Definitions:

- "Lobbies" is defined as seeking to influence a district policy or procurement decision or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a district official or employee. (112.3261(1)(b), Florida Statutes [F.S.]

- "Lobbyist" is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. (112.3215(1)(h), F.S.)

The Board may act upon (including reconsideration) any agenda item at any time during the meeting. The agenda may be changed only for good cause as determined by the Chair and stated in the record. If, after the regular time for Public Comment, the agenda is amended to add an item for consideration, the Chair shall allow public comment on the added agenda item prior to the Board taking action thereon.

All decisions of the Chair concerning parliamentary procedures, decorum, and rules of order will be final, unless they are overcome by a majority of the members of the Board in attendance.

If any person decides to appeal any decision with respect to any action considered at the above referenced meeting and hearing, such person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made to include testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: September 15, 2017
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-11, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2017-11 to adopt a Final Millage Rate of 0.4027 for Fiscal Year 2018.

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District is the taxing authority that tentatively proposes to levy the roll-back millage rate of 0.4027 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, which is a 0.0 percent change from the roll-back rate. The roll-back millage rate of 0.4027 is based on taxable property values from all the property appraiser's offices within the District.

At the July 11, 2017, Governing Board Meeting the Board approved a proposed roll-back millage rate of 0.4033 for FY 2018, a Tentative Budget of \$84,345,673. On July 24, 2017, the District received corrected data from one of the County Property Appraisers which resulted in a change of the rolled-back rate to 0.4027. As authorized by the Governing Board at the July meeting, staff notified the Property Appraisers for all the counties within the District.

At the September 20, 2017, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and tentative budget the Governing Board will be requested to approve Resolution 2017-09 to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.4027 for FY 2018 and Resolution 2017-10 to adopt a tentative budget of \$82,858,077.

The FY 2018 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 2017-11**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

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, 2017, and ending September 30, 2018; 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 2018 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 26, 2017, 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 0.4027 of a mill for Fiscal Year 2018, to be assessed on the tax rolls for the year 2017, 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 0.4027 of a mill is for Fiscal Year 2018 to defray expenses of the Suwannee River Water Management District for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.
3. This Fiscal Year 2017-2018 millage rate of 0.4027 is equal to the roll-back rate of 0.4027 mills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017, 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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ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: September 15, 2017
RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-12, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2017-12 to adopt a Final Budget of \$82,858,077 for Fiscal Year 2018.

BACKGROUND

At the September 20, 2017, the first public hearing on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 tentative millage rate and tentative budget the Governing Board will be requested to approve Resolution 2017-11 to adopt a tentative millage rate of 0.4027 and Resolution 2017-12 to adopt a tentative budget of \$82,858,077.

The FY 2018 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 Final Budget for FY 2018 and program highlights.

Budget Summary:

The Final Budget for FY 2018 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 supply, water quality, flood protection and natural systems in accordance with Governing Board priorities, Legislative directives, adopted Minimum Flows and Levels schedule, the District's 2017-2022 Florida Forever Work Plan and the District's Strategic Plan. The Final Budget for FY 2018 is \$82,858,077, which includes the General Funds \$9,472,276 and Special Revenue Fund \$73,385,801.

General Fund Budget Highlights:

The Final Budget proposes to reduce last year's adopted millage rate of 0.4093 to the rolled-back rate of 0.4027 for FY 2018. The Final Budget includes \$5,591,837 in projected ad valorem revenue.

The Final Budget includes \$15,833,422 in reserves for agricultural and local government cost-share projects, monitor well improvement plan, springs protection and restoration projects, water supply planning, water resource development projects, water quality improvement projects, and natural systems projects.

Special Revenue Funds’ Highlights:

The Final Budget includes FY 2018 State appropriations of \$6,505,119 for land management, minimum flows and levels program, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT), operational activities, and environmental resource permitting.

The Final Budget includes \$3,249,000 from a Federal grant 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 Final Budget includes State Springs Funding in the amount of \$44,968,818 and other State Grants of \$4,442,500. Approximately 60% of the District’s budget is allocated to springs protection and restoration.

The Final FY 2018 Budget reflects a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) work force of 66 employees and one part-time (0.6) OPS position.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	Fiscal Year 2018 (Final Budget)
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$9,322,743
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$65,326,091
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$5,140,309
4.0 Regulation	\$1,392,916
5.0 Outreach	\$225,475
6.0 District Management and Administration	\$1,450,543
TOTAL	\$82,858,077

The FY 2018 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 2017-12**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

WHEREAS, Chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, require that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) adopt a final 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 final budget, including all items that are necessary and proper as provided by law for the District, for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017, and ending September 30, 2018, 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 20, 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 2017-11, Adoption of Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, which established the final millage levy for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 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, 2017, and ending September 30, 2018, as the final operating and fiscal guide of the District for the upcoming fiscal year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017, 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 2017-2018

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION		\$ 58,331	\$ 15,833,422	\$ 15,891,753
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
AD VALOREM TAXES (Rolled-back rate)	0.4027	\$ 4,763,945	\$ 827,892	\$ 5,591,837
OTHER REVENUES				
Federal Revenue			\$ 3,956,950	3,956,950
State Revenue		4,375,000	51,541,437	55,916,437
Local Revenue			226,100	226,100
Permit and License Fees		135,000		135,000
Interest Earnings		140,000		140,000
Timber Sales			1,000,000	1,000,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$ 9,413,945	\$ 57,552,379	\$ 66,966,324
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES		\$ 9,472,276	\$ 73,385,801	\$ 82,858,077
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES		15,784,773	3,307,121	19,091,894
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		\$ 25,257,049	\$ 76,692,922	\$ 101,949,971
II. EXPENDITURES				
WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$ 5,323,143	\$ 3,999,600	\$ 9,322,743
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		1,080,199	64,245,892	65,326,091
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS			5,140,309	5,140,309
REGULATION		1,392,916		1,392,916
OUTREACH		225,475		225,475
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		1,450,543		1,450,543
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES		\$ 9,472,276	\$ 73,385,801	\$ 82,858,077
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES		15,784,773	3,307,121	19,091,894
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		\$ 25,257,049	\$ 76,692,922	\$ 101,949,971

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

Suwannee River Water Management District
Tentative Budget for FY 2017-18 (By Fund)

	Total Budget and Fund Balance Utilization	General Fund (01)	Special Revenue Funds	Middle Suwannee (05)	Springs Grants (06)	Local Revenue (07)
Revenues						
Ad Valorem Taxes (.4027)	5,591,837	4,763,945	827,892	-	50,000	-
Federal Revenue	3,956,950	-	3,956,950	-	-	-
State Revenue - Appropriations	6,505,119	4,375,000	2,130,119	-	-	-
State Revenue - Other	49,411,318		49,411,318	589,083	43,954,735	-
Local Revenue	226,100	-	226,100	-	-	105,600
District Revenue						
Permit & License Fees	135,000	135,000	-	-	-	-
Interest Earnings	140,000	140,000	-	-	-	-
Timber Sales	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Estimated Revenues	66,966,324	9,413,945	57,552,379	589,083	44,004,735	105,600
Fund Balance Utilization	15,891,753	58,331	15,833,422		3,277,500	
TOTAL REVENUES & FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	82,858,077	9,472,276	73,385,801	589,083	47,282,235	105,600
Expenditures						
Salaries & Benefits	6,047,222	5,236,014	811,208	-	-	-
Contractual Services	33,963,839	2,110,609	31,853,230	589,083	15,594,577	-
Operating Expenditures	1,370,119	870,463	499,656	-	-	-
Operating Capital Outlay	308,044	156,290	151,754	-	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,885,918	-	6,885,918	-	5,902,968	-
Interagency Expenditures	34,282,935	1,098,900	33,184,035	-	25,784,690	105,600
Total Expenditures	82,858,077	9,472,276	73,385,801	589,083	47,282,235	105,600
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	82,858,077	9,472,276	73,385,801	589,083	47,282,235	105,600

Suwannee River Water Management District
Tentative Budget for FY 2017-18 (By Fund)

	Water Management Lands Trust Fund - Springs (08)	Land Conservation Fund (P2000 & Florida Forever) (10)	DOT ETDM (12)	Land Management Operations Fund (13)	DOT Mitigation (19)	Suwannee River Partnership (29)
Revenues						
Ad Valorem Taxes (.4027)	-	-	-	777,892	-	-
Federal Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue - Appropriations	-	-	-	2,130,119	-	-
State Revenue - Other	425,000	1,847,500	-	250,000	950,000	-
Local Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	120,500
District Revenue						
Permit & License Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Earnings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Timber Sales	-	-	-	1,000,000	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Estimated Revenues	425,000	1,847,500	-	4,158,011	950,000	120,500
Fund Balance Utilization						
			10,000	852,298	200,000	
TOTAL REVENUES & FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	425,000	1,847,500	10,000	5,010,309	1,150,000	120,500
Expenditures						
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	10,000	801,208	-	-
Contractual Services	275,000	1,845,000	-	2,625,691	1,150,000	-
Operating Expenditures	-	2,500	-	493,656	-	3,500
Operating Capital Outlay	-	-	-	151,754	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay	-	-	-	275,000	-	-
Interagency Expenditures	150,000	-	-	663,000	-	117,000
Total Expenditures	425,000	1,847,500	10,000	5,010,309	1,150,000	120,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	425,000	1,847,500	10,000	5,010,309	1,150,000	120,500

Suwannee River Water Management District
Tentative Budget for FY 2017-18 (By Fund)

	BTG Pactual - Conservation Forestry (30)	PCS/WSA Mitigation (33)	AG Cost Share (51)	RIVER Cost Share (53)	FEMA (56)	Reimbursable Grants (60)
Revenues						
Ad Valorem Taxes (.4027)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Revenue	707,950	-	-	-	3,249,000	-
State Revenue - Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue - Other	-	-	-	-	-	1,395,000
Local Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Revenue						
Permit & License Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Earnings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Timber Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Estimated Revenues	707,950	-	-	-	3,249,000	1,395,000
Fund Balance Utilization			5,388,579	5,605,045		
TOTAL REVENUES & FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	707,950	-	5,388,579	5,605,045	3,249,000	1,395,000
Expenditures						
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contractual Services	-	-	5,360,579	269,300	3,249,000	395,000
Operating Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay	707,950	-	-	-	-	-
Interagency Expenditures	-	-	28,000	5,335,745	-	1,000,000
Total Expenditures	707,950	-	5,388,579	5,605,045	3,249,000	1,395,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	707,950	-	5,388,579	5,605,045	3,249,000	1,395,000

Suwannee River Water Management District
Tentative Budget for FY 2017-18 (By Fund)

Monitor Well Improvement	
Revenues	
Ad Valorem Taxes (.4027)	-
Federal Revenue	-
State Revenue - Appropriations	-
State Revenue - Other	-
Local Revenue	-
District Revenue	
Permit & License Fees	-
Interest Earnings	-
Timber Sales	-
Other	-
Total Estimated Revenues	-
Fund Balance Utilization	500,000
TOTAL REVENUES & FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	500,000
Expenditures	
Salaries & Benefits	-
Contractual Services	500,000
Operating Expenditures	-
Operating Capital Outlay	-
Fixed Capital Outlay	-
Interagency Expenditures	-
Total Expenditures	500,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	500,000