

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET

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September 27, 2021
5:05 p.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Millage Rate and Final Budget Presentation
3. *Resolution Number 2021-06, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget*
4. *Resolution Number 2021-07, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022*
5. Announcements
6. Adjournment

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.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: September 15, 2021

RE: Resolution Number 2021-06, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution Number 2021-06 to adopt a Final Millage Rate of 0.3615 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District is the taxing authority that tentatively proposes to levy the rolled-back millage rate of 0.3615 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY 2022), which is a 2.19 percent reduction from the current FY 2020-2021 millage rate of .3696. The rolled-back millage rate of 0.3615 is based on taxable property values from all the property appraiser's offices within the District.

At the July 13, 2021, Governing Board meeting, the Board approved a tentative rolled-back millage rate of 0.3615 for FY 2022, a Tentative Budget of \$59,642,373, and authorized staff to notify the property appraisers for all counties within the District. Staff was given the ability to adjust the rate minimally if revised information was received.

At the September 14, 2021, First Public Hearing, the Board approved Resolution 2021-04 to adopt a FY 2022 Tentative Millage Rate of 0.3615 and approved Resolution 2021-05 to adopt a FY 2022 Tentative Budget of \$59,642,373.

The Final FY 2022 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 Executive Office of the Governor and Florida Legislature to ensure adequate fiscal resources are available to effectively implement our core mission areas. 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.

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Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-06**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

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, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District has determined that a Final Millage Rate as provided for in sections 200.065, 373.503, and 373.536, Florida Statutes, is necessary to provide funds for the final budgeted expenditures of the District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY 2022) 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, and final public hearing, were prepared and transmitted, pursuant to section 200.065, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the first public hearing on the FY 2022 tentative millage rate and budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9925 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida, on September 14, 2021, commencing at 5:05 p.m., as provided in the notice; and

WHEREAS, the final public hearing on the FY 2022 final millage rate and final budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida, on September 27, 2021, 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. There is adopted and levied a final millage rate, as provided for in sections 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes, at the rolled-back millage rate of 0.3615 for FY 2022, to be assessed on the tax rolls for the year 2021, 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 0.3615 of a mill is for FY 2022 to defray expenses of the Suwannee River Water Management District for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.
3. The FY 2022 final millage rate of 0.3615 is equal to the rolled-back rate of 0.3615 mills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021, 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

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ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: September 15, 2021
RE: Resolution Number 2021-07, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution Number 2021-07 to adopt a Final Budget of \$59,642,373 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

BACKGROUND

The Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY 2022) has been developed in accordance with the budget guidelines set forth by the Governing Board. Additionally, staff has worked in cooperation with the Executive Office of the Governor and Florida Legislature to ensure adequate fiscal resources are available to effectively implement the District 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.

At the July 13, 2021, Governing Board meeting, the Board approved a Tentative Budget for FY 2022 of \$59,642,373. Also, at the July 13, 2021, Governing Board meeting, a tentative rolled-back millage rate of 0.3615 was approved. Staff was authorized to make adjustments and corrections to the budget and adjust the rolled-back millage rate if final data changed.

Staff did not receive any additional information that would require an adjustment to the millage rate or budget.

At the September 14, 2021, First Public Hearing, the Board approved Resolution 2021-04 to adopt a FY 2022 Tentative Millage Rate of 0.3615 and approved Resolution 2021-05 to adopt a FY 2022 Tentative Budget of \$59,642,373.

The following is a summary of the Final Budget for FY 2022 and program highlights.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

The Tentative Budget for FY 2022 represents a standardized approach to budgeting and fiscal responsibility. It reflects the District's effort to diligently 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 minimum water levels (MFLs) schedule, the District's Florida Forever Work Plan, and the District's Strategic Plan. The Tentative Budget for FY 2022 is \$59,642,373, which includes the General Fund \$9,916,221 and Special Revenue Funds \$49,726,152 (See Attachments).

The Tentative Budget proposes to reduce last year's adopted millage rate of 0.3696 to the rolled-back rate of 0.3615 for FY 2022. The projected ad valorem revenue for FY 2022 is \$6,527,465. The District budgeted 95.5% or \$6,233,836 of the projected ad valorem revenue in the FY2022 Tentative Budget.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

The Tentative Budget for the General Fund for FY 2022 is \$9,916,221. It includes District revenue of \$5,375,069, state revenue of \$2,740,000, local revenue of \$86,480, transfer out to Special Revenue Fund of (\$75,000), and fund balance utilization of \$1,789,672. District revenue includes ad valorem, investment income and permit fees. State revenue includes FY 2022 state appropriation for operations and environmental resource permitting.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund used to account for most of the District's general activities and technology and information services including:

- Water Resource planning and monitoring (water supply planning; other water resources planning; research data collection, analysis and monitoring; and federal planning technical assistance)
- Land acquisition, restoration and public works (water source development projects; water supply development assistance; surface water projects; and non-water source development projects)
- Regulation (consumptive use permitting; water well construction permitting and contractor licensing; environmental resource and surface water permitting; and other regulatory and enforcement activities)
- Outreach (water resource education; public information; and legislative affairs)
- District management and administration (administrative and operations support; and tax collector/property appraiser fees)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The Tentative Budget for the special revenue funds for FY 2022 is \$49,726,152. It includes District revenue of \$2,151,767, state revenue of \$33,240,783, federal revenue of \$3,958,000, transfer in from General Fund of \$75,000, and fund balance utilization of \$10,300,602.

- District revenue includes timber and ad valorem revenues.
- State Revenue includes FY 2022 State Appropriation for land management, MFLs, Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes; Florida Department of Transportation Grants; Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Florida Forest Service grants; Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission grants; Suwannee River Partnership; and Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs grants. State Springs and Alternative Water Supply Funding in the amount of \$25,565,000 or 43% of the District's budget is allocated to springs protection and restoration.
- Federal Revenue includes Federal Emergency Management Agency grants to update Flood Risk Maps and to deliver quality data that increases public awareness to reduce future flooding vulnerability and Federal Clean Water Act 2018 Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Education Grant for a Suwannee Valley Springs Initiative project.
- Fund Balance utilization includes District committed fund balance for Agricultural and Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) cost-share projects as well as regional water resource development projects, springs protection and restoration, water supply planning, water quality improvement projects, and natural systems projects.

The Tentative FY 2022 Budget reflects a full-time equivalent (FTE) work force of sixty-six (66) employees and one (1.0) OPS position.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Final Budget)
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$12,132,696
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$37,432,257
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$6,260,432
4.0 Regulation	\$1,902,609
5.0 Outreach	\$195,233
6.0 District Management and Administration	\$1,719,146
TOTAL	\$59,642,373

The Final FY 2022 Budget will enable the District to protect water resources for the benefit of its 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.

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Attachments

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-07**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

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, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, 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 and final public budget hearings, were prepared and transmitted, pursuant to section 200.065, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the first public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY 2022) Tentative Millage Rate and Budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9925 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida, on September 14, 2021, commencing at 5:05 p.m. as provided in the notice; and

WHEREAS, the final public hearing on the FY 2022 Final Millage Rate and Final Budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida, on September 27, 2021, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District, prior to adopting a Final Budget, has adopted Resolution Number 2021-06, Adoption of Final Millage Rate for FY 2022, which established the final millage levy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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:

The attached budget is hereby adopted as the Final Budget of the District for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, as the final operating and fiscal guide of the District for the upcoming fiscal year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021, A.D., AT _____ P.M., BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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ATTEST:

Adopted Budget FY 2021 - 2022	TOTAL BUDGET	GENERAL FUND	LAND MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DISTRICT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Revenues						
District Revenue	\$ 7,526,836	\$ 5,375,069	\$ 2,151,767	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Revenue	86,480	86,480	-	-	-	-
State Revenue	35,980,783	2,740,000	2,290,119	-	30,950,664	-
Federal Revenue	3,958,000	-	40,000	-	-	3,918,000
Total Revenues	\$ 47,552,099	\$ 8,201,549	\$ 4,481,886	\$ -	\$ 30,950,664	\$ 3,918,000
Transfers In	75,000		-	-	-	75,000
Transfers Out	(75,000)	(75,000)	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Utilization	12,090,274	1,789,672	2,323,546	5,653,970	2,323,086	-
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	\$ 59,642,373	\$ 9,916,221	\$ 6,805,432	\$ 5,653,970	\$ 33,273,750	\$ 3,993,000
Expenditures						
Salaries & Benefits	6,923,044	5,297,558	827,736	-	781,750	16,000
Contractual Services	20,845,400	2,228,502	3,129,898	2,050,000	9,484,000	3,953,000
Operating Expenditures	1,903,500	1,057,573	773,927	30,000	36,000	6,000
Operating Capital Outlay	313,044	200,608	112,436	-	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,251,000	-	1,251,000	-	4,000,000	-
Interagency Expenditures	24,406,385	1,131,980	710,435	3,573,970	18,972,000	18,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 59,642,373	\$ 9,916,221	\$ 6,805,432	\$ 5,653,970	\$ 33,273,750	\$ 3,993,000

BUDGET SUMMARY

Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2021-2022

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ARE 2.7% MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
AD VALOREM TAXES (Rolled-back rate)	0.3615	\$ 5,082,069	1,151,767	\$ 6,233,836
OTHER REVENUES				
Federal Revenue		-	3,958,000	3,958,000
State Revenue		2,740,000	33,240,783	35,980,783
Local Revenue		86,480	-	86,480
Permit and License Fees		163,000	-	163,000
Investment Income		130,000	-	130,000
Timber Sales		-	1,000,000	1,000,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		8,201,549	39,350,550	47,552,099
TRANSFERS IN/(OUT)		(75,000)	75,000	-
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE/RESERVE PROJECTED		12,829,394	16,142,335	28,971,729
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & FUND BALANCE		\$ 20,955,943	\$ 55,567,885	\$ 76,523,828
II. EXPENDITURES				
WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$ 4,549,032	7,583,664	\$ 12,132,696
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		1,550,201	35,882,056	37,432,257
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS REGULATION		-	6,260,432	6,260,432
OUTREACH		1,902,609	-	1,902,609
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		195,233	-	195,233
		1,719,146	-	1,719,146
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES		\$ 9,916,221	\$ 49,726,152	\$ 59,642,373
ENDING FUND BALANCES/RESERVES		11,039,722	5,841,733	16,881,455
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCE		\$ 20,955,943	\$ 55,567,885	\$ 76,523,828

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