

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

September 25, 2012
3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda
4. Action Items
Approval of Agenda

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director

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- Action Item
5. Approval of Resolutions Number 2012-29 through 2012-68 extending appreciation and commendation of past Governing Board Members for their service to the Suwannee River Water Management District
 6. Announcements - Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida
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| October 9, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. | Board Meeting
Workshop |
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7. Adjournment

**** Workshop immediately following the meeting – Lower Suwannee River Basin Management Action Plan – Presentation given by Florida Department of Environmental Protection**

The entire meeting of the Governing Board is a public hearing and will be governed accordingly. The Governing Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda. The Governing Board may make changes to the printed agenda only for good cause shown as determined by the Chairman and stated for the record. 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. Public attendance and participation at the District Governing Board Meetings are encouraged.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director
DATE: September 17, 2012
RE: Approval of Resolutions Number 2012-29 through 2012-68 extending appreciation and commendation of past Governing Board Members for their service to the Suwannee River Water Management District

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution Numbers 2012-29 through 2012-68 extending appreciation and commendation of past Governing Board Members for their service to the Suwannee River Water Management District.

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is one of the five water management districts created by the Florida Legislature through the passage of the Water Resources Act of 1972. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of Florida's water management districts.

A Governing Board of nine members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, sets policy and direction for the District. Board members serve four-year terms.

The District covers approximately 7,640 square miles, which is nearly 12% of the State's land area. This area includes all or part of 15 counties in north central Florida. The District has the highest concentration of first magnitude freshwater springs in the United States and the highest concentration of freshwater springs in the State. Additionally, some of State's most scenic and least-developed rivers, streams, lakes, and landscapes are located in the District.

The District covers 13 river basins, which include the following major rivers: Suwannee, Santa Fe, Withlacoochee, Aucilla, Alapaha, Ichetucknee, Fenholloway, Steinhatchee, Econfinia, Waccasassa, and Wacissa. Over 50% of the Aucilla, Alapaha, Withlacoochee, and Suwannee river basins are located in Georgia.

Governing Board Members have provided important leadership to protect the District's water resources to benefit our citizens and environment and have worked diligently to implement the District's mission. The attached resolutions extend appreciation and commend past Governing Board Members for their efforts to carry out the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems responsibilities.

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RESOLUTION #	BOARD MEMBER
29	Kelby Andrews
30	Gregory Beauchamp
31	Donald L Browning
32	Kevin Campbell
33	John D. Carver
34	E. S. Chandler, Jr.
35	Boyd Close
36	Suzanne Colson
37	Don Curtis
38	C. Linden Davidson
39	Herbert G. Demott
40	Don R. Everett, Jr.
41	John M. Finlayson
42	David Flagg
43	James L. Fraleigh
44	Phillip Gerlach
45	John D. Griffis
46	B. W. Helvenston
47	Maceo Howell
48	Jerome Johns
49	Georgia Jones
50	Terry Kelly
51	O. J. (Oliver) Lake
52	J. P. Maultsby
53	Donnie McCallister
54	Robert J. Morris
55	William David Pope
56	Mary Ann Prevatt
57	Eddie Richburg
58	Auley Rowell
59	Tom Sawyer
60	Frank Sedmera
61	Louis C. Shiver
62	Michael S. Smith
63	Earl M. Starnes
64	Sylvia J. Tatum
65	Douglas A. Thomas
66	Lynetta Usher Griner
67	Jonathan F. Wershow
68	Heath Davis

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-«RESOLUTION»**

**APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION
FOR THE SERVICE OF «FIRSTNAME» «LASTNAME»
TO THE CITIZENS OF THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Water Resource Act passed by the Florida Legislature in 1972 grants Florida's five water management districts core mission responsibilities consisting of water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems management; and

WHEREAS, each water management district is governed by a governing board whose members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District was organized and held its first Governing Board meeting on November 29, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District's adopted mission statement is to protect and manage water resources to support natural systems and the needs of the public; and

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» served on the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District from «begin_date» to «end_date».

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» provided leadership in the protection and management of our water resources to the benefit of our citizens and our environment; and

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» worked diligently promote the mission and ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of operations at the Suwannee River Water Management District; and

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» continued to be an outstanding and steadfast advocate for ensuring an adequate water supply for all users throughout the District while protecting natural resources of the District and the State of Florida; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District commends and extends its appreciation to «FirstName» «LastName» for dedicated service and leadership to the citizens of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

**DON QUINCEY, CHAIRMAN
ALPHONAS ALEXANDER, VICE CHAIRMAN
RAY CURTIS, SECRETARY/TREASURER
KEVIN W. BROWN
GEORGE M. COLE
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GUY N. WILLIAMS**

ATTEST:

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:30 p.m., Tuesday
September 25, 2012

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Explanation of purpose of public hearing which is to adopt a proposed millage rate and tentative budget.
3. Final Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.
4. Comments and questions from the general public.
5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-27 adopting a final millage rate of 0.4143.**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2012-27 to adopt the final millage rate of 0.4143 for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-28 adopting a final budget of \$16,102,072.**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2012-28 to adopt a final budget of \$16,102,072 for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

7. Announcements.
Governing Board Meeting, October 9, 2012, 9:00 a.m., District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida.
8. Adjournment.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Joe Flanagan, Director, Division of Administrative Services

DATE: September 18, 2012

RE: Approval of Resolution No. 2012-27 Adopting Millage Rate and Resolution No. 2012-28 Adopting Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 2012-27 adopting a final millage rate of 0.4143 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and approve Resolution 2012-28 adopting a final budget of \$16,102,072 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

BACKGROUND

At the September 11, 2012 Governing Board First Public Hearing on the proposed millage rate and tentative budget, the Governing Board maintained the current millage rate of 0.4143 and approved a Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 budget of \$16,102,072.

The final millage rate is 2.0% below the rolled-back rate of 0.4227. Based on staff analysis of the property Appraisers' reports, the District anticipates generating \$5,200,000 for FY 2012-2013.

Staff worked in cooperation with the Governor's Office and the 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.

Budget Summary:

The FY 2012-2013 budget represents a standardized approach to budgeting and fiscal responsibility. For the first time, the District has developed an annual operations budget, which is consistent with the other water management districts and allows for improved tracking of costs and performance evaluations.

The FY 2012-2013 budget total is \$16,102,072 and includes only those items expected to be expended this fiscal year. The FY 2012-2013 budget supports the District's core mission and includes significant reserve funding for cost-share programs.

The final millage rate of 0.4143 is the same as last fiscal year. The District will continue to fulfill its core mission responsibilities that ensure an adequate water supply, maintain and improve water quality, and protect our natural systems.

The District will be setting aside \$1.5 million for agriculture and \$1.5 million for local government cost-share programs for water resource development, conservation, water quality, and natural system projects.

The FY 2012-2013 budget reflects a significant increase in focus on water resource and supply planning and monitoring while meeting the needs in the other program areas.

The fund reserves are now consistent with Governmental Accounting Standard Board's budgeting standards. The bulk of the reserve funds will be spent down over a four-year period to support core mission projects and cost-share programs that benefit the citizens and resources of the District.

The FY 2012-2013 budget is \$2,212,821 greater than the FY 2011-2012 estimated actual expenditures. This is a result of including the District's land sales and the Santa Fe River Basin Management Action Plan grant.

Estimated State funding is at \$4,696,994, Federal funding at \$1,135,000, and Ad Valorem Taxes at \$5,200,000.

The FY 2012-2013 budget reflects a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) work force of 66 employees. Three Other Personal Services (OPS) employee positions were converted to FTE positions. The District FY 2012-2013 budget does include two student internship positions. However, the District will not have any OPS or contingent worker positions.

Program Highlights:

- Continuation of the Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL) program with a goal to have MFLs set on priority rivers and springs within five years.
- Continuation of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership with the St. Johns River Water Management District and FDEP to develop regional water supply plan and to bring stakeholders of both Districts together to assist in water supply planning efforts.
- Continuation of the data management, monitoring (inclusive of hydrologic, groundwater, and surfacewater monitoring networks), and analysis efforts to monitor and collect data to support the District's programs.
- Implementation of an Agricultural Team.
- Continuation of Flood Insurance Rate Maps updates through funding provided by the Federal Emergency Management Administration.
- Continuation of the land management and surplus lands program.
- Continuation of the Aquifer Recharge Feasibility Study in conjunction with St. Johns River Water Management District.

- Continuation of efforts to improve, update, and enhance the District's commitment to Information Technology in the form of computing facilities, software and data management tools, Geographic Information System, and internet services to the public.
- Initiation of the Santa Fe River Basin Nutrient Reduction and Irrigation Retrofit program.
- Initiation of the Springs Restoration program.

The FY 2012-2013 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 Fiscal Year 2012-2013 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE PROPERTIES LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District does hereby adopt as its final millage rate 0.4143 of a mill to be levied upon all of the real and tangible personal property located within the boundaries of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Section 2. This final millage rate of 0.4143 of a mill is for the calendar year 2012 to defray expenses of the Suwannee River Water Management District for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2012, and ending September 30, 2013.

Section 3. This final levy of 0.4143 of a mill is 2.0 percent below the rolled-back rate of 0.4227.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012 A.D. BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

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ATTEST:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-28

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012
AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District does hereby adopt as its final budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013, the final budget of \$16,102,072, a summary of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012 A.D. 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 2012-2013

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total All Funds
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$2,572,597	\$1,503,298	\$4,075,895
ESTIMATED REVENUES			
TAXES			
Ad Valorem Taxes (Millage per \$1000 / 0.4143 M	\$5,200,000	\$0	\$5,200,000
Documentary Stamp Taxes	\$0	\$2,165,494	\$2,165,494
PERMIT AND LICENSE FEES	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
OTHER INCOME			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Wetlands Grant	\$0	\$247,000	\$247,000
DEP Santa Fe River Nutrient Reduction	\$0	\$900,000	\$900,000
ERP Grant	\$0	\$453,000	\$453,000
Delineated Areas Grant	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
Water Protection & Sustainability Grant	\$0	\$891,500	\$891,500
FEDERAL GRANTS			
FEMA Grants	\$0	\$1,110,000	\$1,110,000
NRCS Grants	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest and General Sales	\$158,000	\$0	\$158,000
Timber Sales	\$0	\$644,583	\$644,583
Madison Blue Monitoring	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
PCA Monitoring	\$0	\$21,600	\$21,600
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$5,428,000	\$6,598,177	\$12,026,177
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	\$8,000,597	\$8,101,475	\$16,102,072
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Salaries And Benefits	\$3,752,764	\$1,848,433	\$5,601,197
Other Personal Services	\$2,351,358	\$4,107,942	\$6,459,300
Expenses	\$1,243,475	\$260,500	\$1,503,975
Operating Capital Outlay	\$219,000	\$9,000	\$228,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	\$0	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Interagency Expenditures	\$434,000	\$625,600	\$1,059,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$8,000,597	\$8,101,475	\$16,102,072
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$8,000,597	\$8,101,475	\$16,102,072

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