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Ichetucknee Head Spring (Photo by Darlene Saindon, February 2015)

## Core Mission Focus

The FY 2015-2016 (FY 2016) budget of \$34.43 million supports the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection and natural systems responsibilities. This budget reflects the District's effort to prudently to address its commitment to implement projects and programs that accomplish its core mission.

The FY 2016 millage rate of 0.4104 is the roll-back rate. The Budget includes \$5.58 million in ad valorem revenue and \$20.10 million in reserves for projects to improve water quality, to protect and restore springs, to execute water supply planning, to implement water resource development, to ensure adequate water supply for all reasonable-beneficial uses and protect and restore natural systems.

The Budget also includes State appropriations of \$3.92 million for water supply sustainability activities, minimum flows and levels program, water quality improvement projects, land management activities and regulatory initiatives. Additionally, the Budget includes \$5.03 million for seven new springs protection and restoration projects and a Federal grant of \$1.21 million to increase public awareness and to reduce future flooding vulnerability.

## Budget Highlights

- Implement seven new Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) springs projects that improve water quality by reducing nutrient loading by an estimated 57,000 pounds annually, offset approximately 1.1 million gallons per day and recharge the aquifer by a projected 2.34 to 3.82 million gallons per day.
- Complete Fanning Springs Water Quality Improvement Project – Phase 2 that will reduce nutrient loadings to Fanning Springs.
- Complete Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement Project that will improve water quality by reducing the City of Lake City's wastewater nutrient loadings to the Ichetucknee River by up to 85%.
- Complete Middle Suwannee River Springs and Aquifer Recharge Project that will recharge the aquifer with an estimated 10 million gallons per day and restore roughly 4,000 acres of wetlands and 1,500 acres of ponds.
- Establish Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) for the Steinhatchee and Upper Suwannee rivers, Lake Butler and Lake Hampton and 9 springs, including Steinhatchee Rise, White Spring, Suwannee Spring, Alapaha Rise and Holton Rise.
- Continue to collaborate with Suwannee River Partnership with ongoing support to reduce nutrient loadings in the Suwannee River Basin.
- Continue to collaborate with DEP and St. Johns River Water Management District on the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership to ensure adequate water supply for all reasonable and beneficial uses.
- Continue the partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to implement Risk Map programs. The Risk Map program is dedicated to reducing flood vulnerability and increase public awareness.

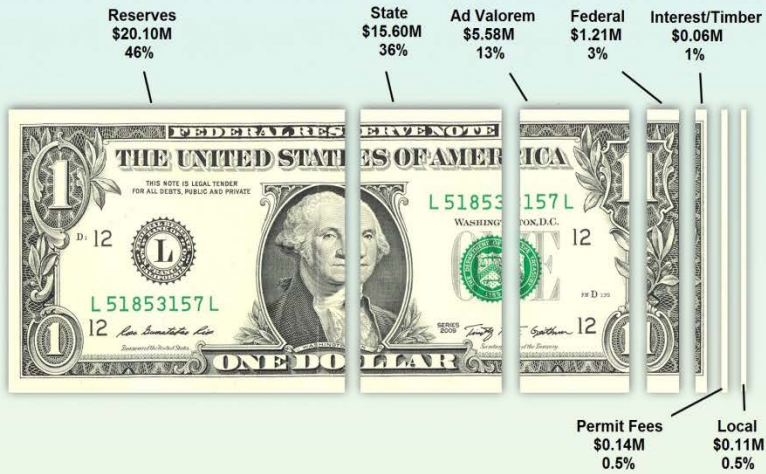


Santa Fe River (Photo by Abby Johnson, March 2015)

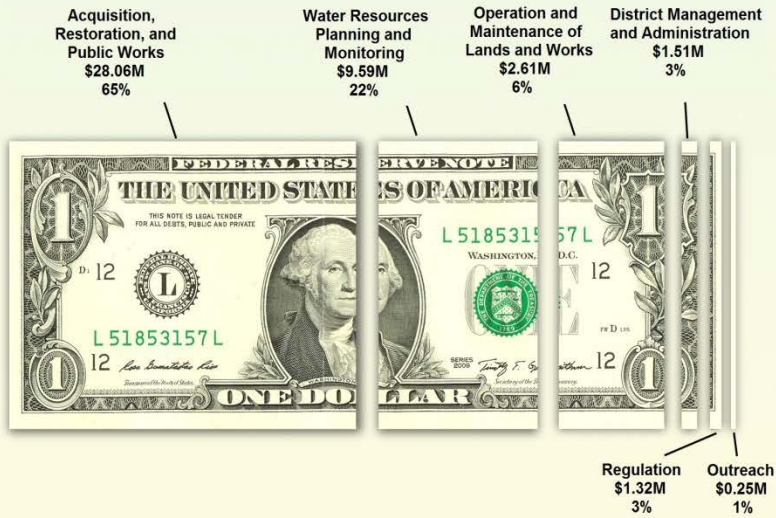


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# FY 2015-2016 Revenues (\$43.34 Million)



# FY 2015-2016 Expenditures (\$43.34 Million)



# Budget In Brief

## Fiscal Year 2015-2016



Falling Creek Falls (Photo by Edwin McCook, April 2015)