

## Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Summary

### Tentative Budget

*The 1st Public Hearing on the Budget is scheduled for September 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at District Headquarters. The Final Public Hearing on the Budget is scheduled for September 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at District Headquarters.*

On July 9, 2013, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) approved a tentative budget of \$23.79 million and a proposed millage rate of 0.4143 - the same rate as fiscal year 2013. The increases from the Preliminary Budget (\$14.9M) to the Tentative Budget (\$23.79M) are due to additional state appropriations for springs protection and restoration and reserves from cost-share programs that are incorporated into the operational budget.

In accordance with statutory requirement, the District presented a tentative budget to the Governor and Legislature by August 1st. The Tentative Budget provides the Governor and Legislature with oversight of the district's budget.

With the assistance of projected state funding, the tentative budget supports the District's core mission, including springs protection, and maintains reserve funding for cost-share programs."

### Strategic Priorities

Continuation of:

- Heartland Springs Initiative.
- Minimum flows and levels (MFLs).
- North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership.
- Aquifer recharge feasibility study.
- Land management and surplus lands programs.
- Data collection, monitoring and analysis.
- Agricultural cost-share program.
- Santa Fe and Suwannee River Basins Nutrient Reduction and Irrigation Retrofit program.
- RIVER (Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources) cost-share program.

Commencement of:

- Otter Springs restoration.
- Aquifer replenishment projects.
- Dispersed water storage projects.
- Developing MFLs for the Aucilla River, Wacissa River, Econfina River, Fenholloway River, Steinhatchee River, and Lake Palestine.

## **Preliminary Budget**

On December 11, 2012, the Governor Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) approved a preliminary budget of \$14.9 million, and a proposed millage rate of 0.4143 - the same rate as FY 2013.

In accordance with a new statutory requirement, the District must present a preliminary budget to the Legislature by January 15. The preliminary budget provides the Legislature with additional oversight of the district's budget.