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SFWMD FY2013 Budget

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved a budget and millage rates for Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct. 1, 2012–Sept. 30, 2013) at a public hearing held September 25. The agency's budget is developed annually through an open and public process, including approval by the Governor and review by the Joint Legislative Budget Commission. Governor Rick Scott provided his budget approval in a letter to SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins dated September 18, 2012.

FY2013 Budget Highlights

- The District's FY2013 total fiscal resources of \$567.3 million are directly focused on achieving the agency's core mission responsibilities of water resource management on behalf of 7.7 million South Floridians.
- With 75 percent of agency revenues dedicated to Everglades restoration and flood control operations, key highlights of the FY2013 budget include:
 - \$182 million to operate and maintain South Florida's regional flood control system, including \$50 million to refurbish the extensive network of canals, levees and water control structures.
 - \$245 million to restore the Everglades ecosystem, including:
 - \$87.6 million to implement the first phases of the Governor's landmark plan to improve water quality to achieve ultra-low nutrient standards.
 - ✓ \$46.3 million to construct 109,000 acre-feet of water storage.
 - ✓ \$30 million to support Loxahatchee watershed restoration.
 - ✓ \$5.2 million to increase water quality treatment capacity at STA-1W.
 - ✓ \$5.1 million to implement the first year of a comprehensive science plan to evaluate and enhance the performance of existing facilities.
 - ✓ \$1 million to restore hydrologic conditions on former citrus lands.
 - \$11.4 million to support construction of Kissimmee River restoration and Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects.
 - \$8.7 million to expand water storage in the northern Everglades through public-private partnerships.
 - \$3.6 million to implement water quality treatment and storage projects in the Caloosahatchee watershed.

Core Mission Focus without Raising Taxes

- The FY2013 budget allows the District to move forward with the agency's core responsibilities and key priorities:
 - ✓ Provide flood control and hurricane response
 - ✓ Improve water quality and restore the Everglades
 - ✓ Meet ongoing water supply & water resource development needs
 - ✓ Streamline regulatory programs
 - ✓ Deliver efficient and cost-effective services
- The approved millage rates represent 42.89 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value in 15 of the District's 16 counties (*the Okeechobee Basin*). For Collier County and mainland Monroe County (*the Big Cypress Basin*), the millage rates represent 33.90 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value.
- In addition to ad valorem taxes, other revenue sources include state appropriations, federal sources, balances, fees and agricultural privilege taxes.

