



# SFWMD Fiscal Year 2025-2026 First Public Budget Hearing

Tax and Budget Presentation

September 11, 2025

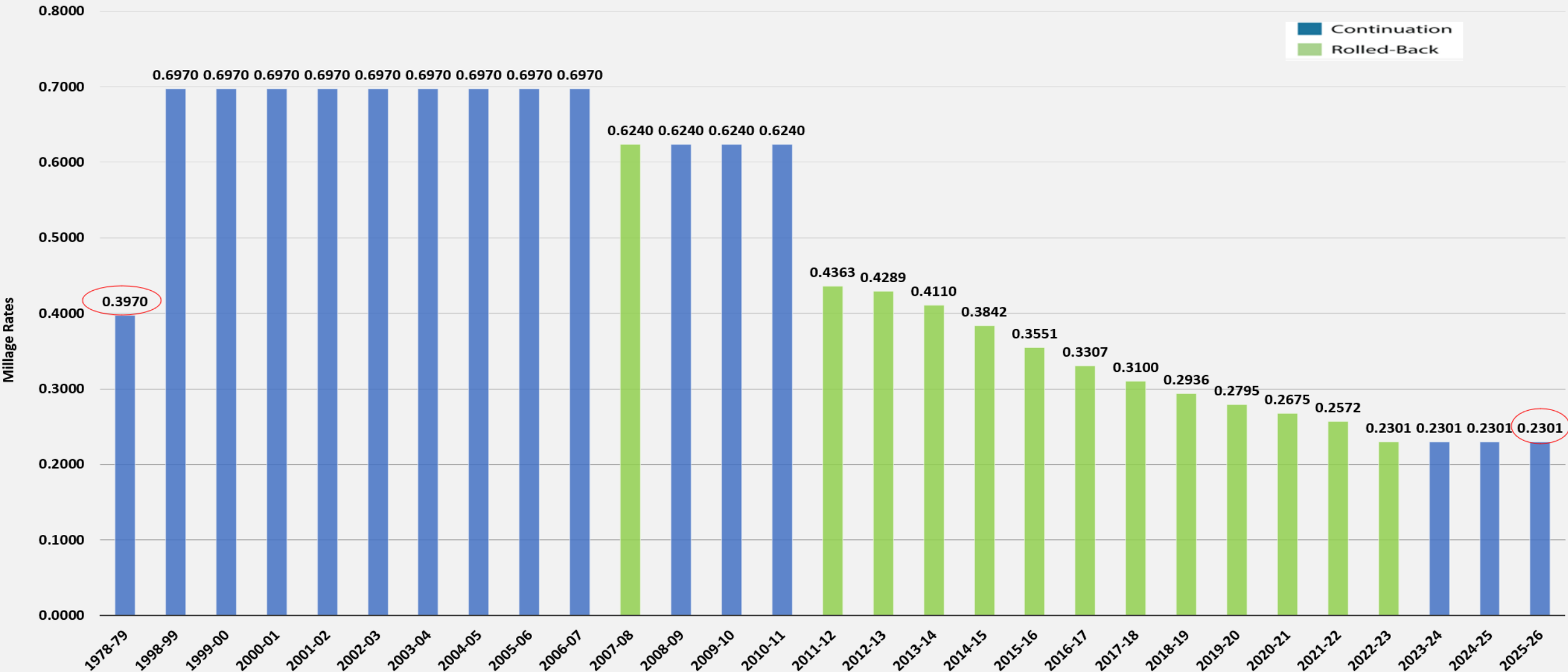
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Administrative Services Division Director



# Example - History of Okeechobee Basin Combined Millage Rate



# Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Millage Rates

Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Rolled-Back Millage Rates
District-wide	0.0948	0.0948	0.0889
Big Cypress Basin	0.0978	0.0978	0.0926
Okeechobee Basin	0.1026	0.1026	0.0961
Everglades Construction Project	0.0327	0.0327	0.0306

*The Millage Rate is applied to the Taxable Value of the Property as Determined by the Property Appraiser Annually (Assessed Value – Exemptions = Taxable Value)*

- ***Within the Big Cypress Basin Represents a Combined Rate of 0.1926 or \$19.26 per \$100,000 of taxable value***
- ***Within the Okeechobee Basin Represents a Combined Rate of 0.2301 or \$23.01 per \$100,000 of taxable value.***

## Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Specific Purpose Tax Revenue Being Used

- The District proposes maintaining the current millage rate to ensure mission critical functions continue and support operations and maintenance of new and existing critical flood control infrastructure within both Basins of the District. The specific purpose of additional ad valorem tax revenues is to support:
  - ✓ **Existing Aging Critical Flood Control Infrastructure and CERP Operations and Maintenance**: Align recurring expenses with recurring revenues to fund the operations and maintenance of the existing aging critical flood control infrastructure program and completed CERP projects turned over to operations.



# Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Millage Rates Adoption Resolutions

## ➤ **Adopt Resolution 2025-0915:**

Adopt the District-wide Tentative Millage Rate (0.0948 mill) within the Okeechobee Basin and Big Cypress Basin of the South Florida Water Management District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## ➤ **Adopt Resolution 2025-0916:**

Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for the Big Cypress Basin (0.0978 mill) within the Big Cypress Basin of the South Florida Water Management District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

# Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Millage Rates Adoption Resolutions

## ➤ **Adopt Resolution 2025-0917:**

Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for the Okeechobee Basin (0.1026 mill) within the Okeechobee Basin of the South Florida Water Management District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## ➤ **Adopt Resolution 2025-0918:**

Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for the Everglades Construction Project (0.0327 mill) within the Okeechobee Basin of the South Florida Water Management District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

# Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll Certification

## Everglades Agricultural Area And C-139 Basin



# Everglades Agricultural Area

➤ Number of Vegetable Deferral Applications:	-0-
➤ 1996, 2000 & 2016 Deferrals Continue in Effect	
■ Appendix A: 11,883.62 Acres	
■ Appendix B: 6,186.43 Acres	
■ Appendix C: 4,048.03 Acres	
➤ Agricultural Privilege Tax Rate per acre	\$25.00
➤ Total Taxable Acres	431,749.59
➤ Total Gross Non Ad Valorem Tax Revenue	\$10,793,739.75
➤ Less: Budgeted Discount	<u>(\$431,749.59)</u>
➤ Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgeted Revenue	\$10,361,990.16





# Fiscal Year 2025 -2026 Everglades Agricultural Privilege Tax Resolution

## ➤ Adopt Resolution 2025-0919

Relating to the Everglades Agricultural Privilege Tax; providing the disposition of applications for classification as vegetable acreage; applying the deferral of agricultural privilege taxes for the 1996, 2000 and 2016 vegetable classified acreage; approving and certifying the Everglades Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll for 2025



## C-139 Basin

➤ Number of Vegetable Deferral Applications:	-0-
➤ Agricultural Privilege Tax Rate Per Acre	\$1.80
➤ Total Taxable Acres	<u>108,668.65</u>
➤ Total Gross Non Ad Valorem Tax Revenue	\$195,603.57
➤ Less: Budgeted Discount	<u>(\$7,821.14)</u>
➤ Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgeted Revenue	\$187,782.43



## Fiscal Year 2025-2026 C-139 Resolution

### ➤ Adopt Resolution 2025-0920

Relating to C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax; providing the disposition of applications for classification as vegetable acreage; approving and certifying the C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll for 2025



# Tentative Budget

## Revenue and Expenditure Budget



# Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Changes

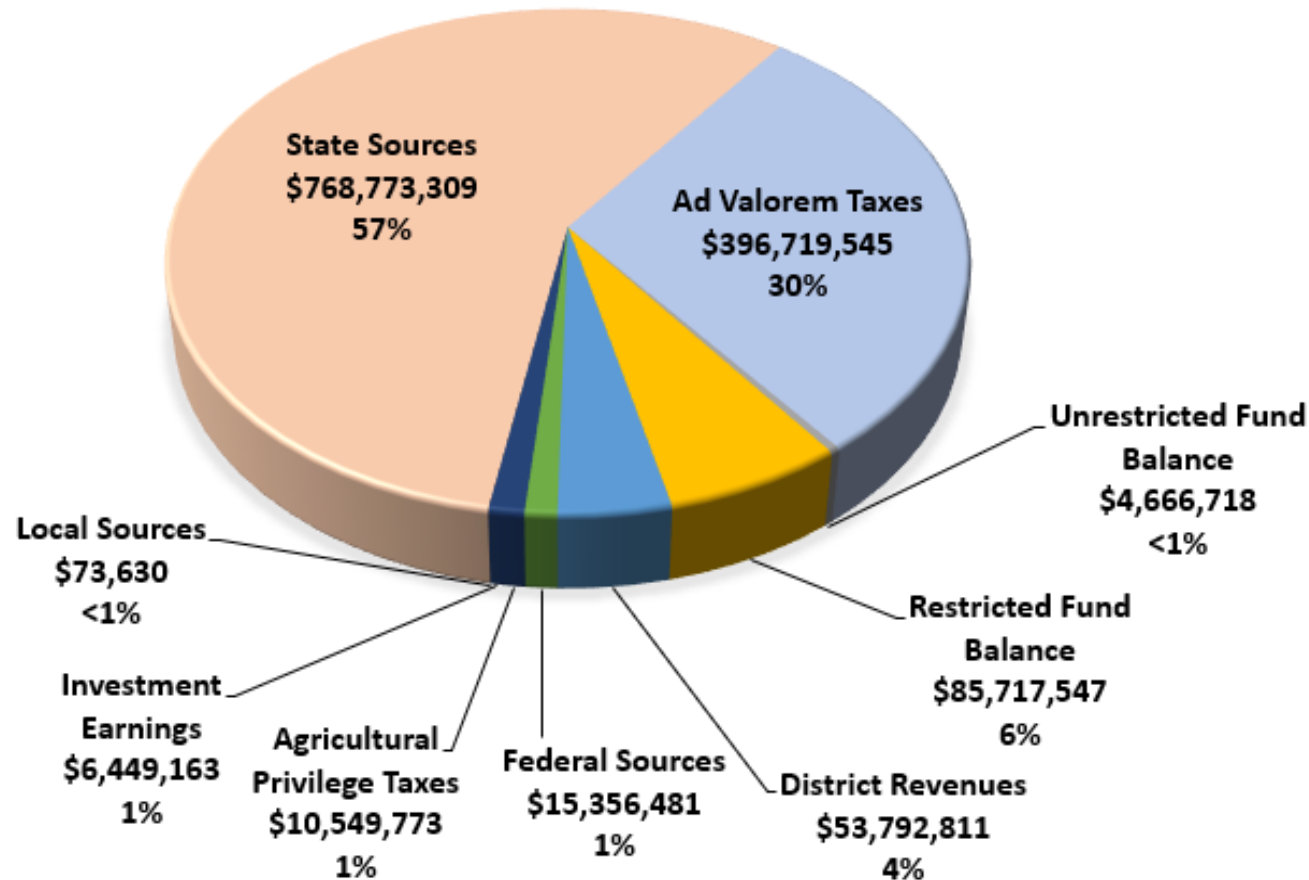
## August 1 Submittal to Tentative Hearing \$83.5 Million Decrease

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative August 1 Budget			\$1,425.6 Million
Item	Funding Source	Program	Amount (million)
FY2024-25 August Budget Amendment (2025 Legislative Session Senate Bill 2500 GAA 1531E & 1531I)	State	Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	(\$95.5)
S-333 Additional Grant Funds	State	Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$12.0
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 September Tentative Budget			\$1,342.1 Million

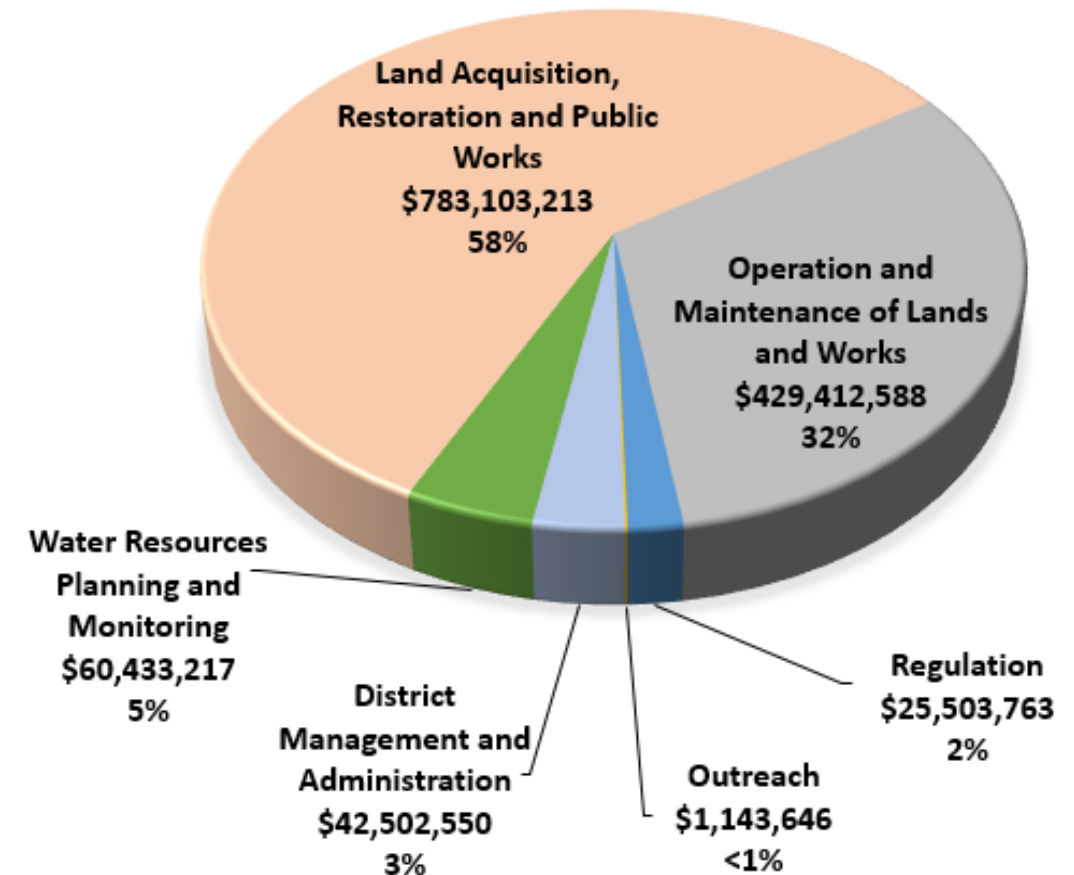
# Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget

## \$1,342,098,977

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026  
REVENUES BY SOURCE  
\$1,342,098,977



FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026  
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM  
\$1,342,098,977



# Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget Adoption Resolution

## ➤ **Adopt Resolution 2025-0921:**

Adopt the Tentative Budget of \$1,342,098,977 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026





# Thank You