



SFWMD Fiscal Year 2026-2027 First Public Budget Hearing

Tax and Budget Presentation

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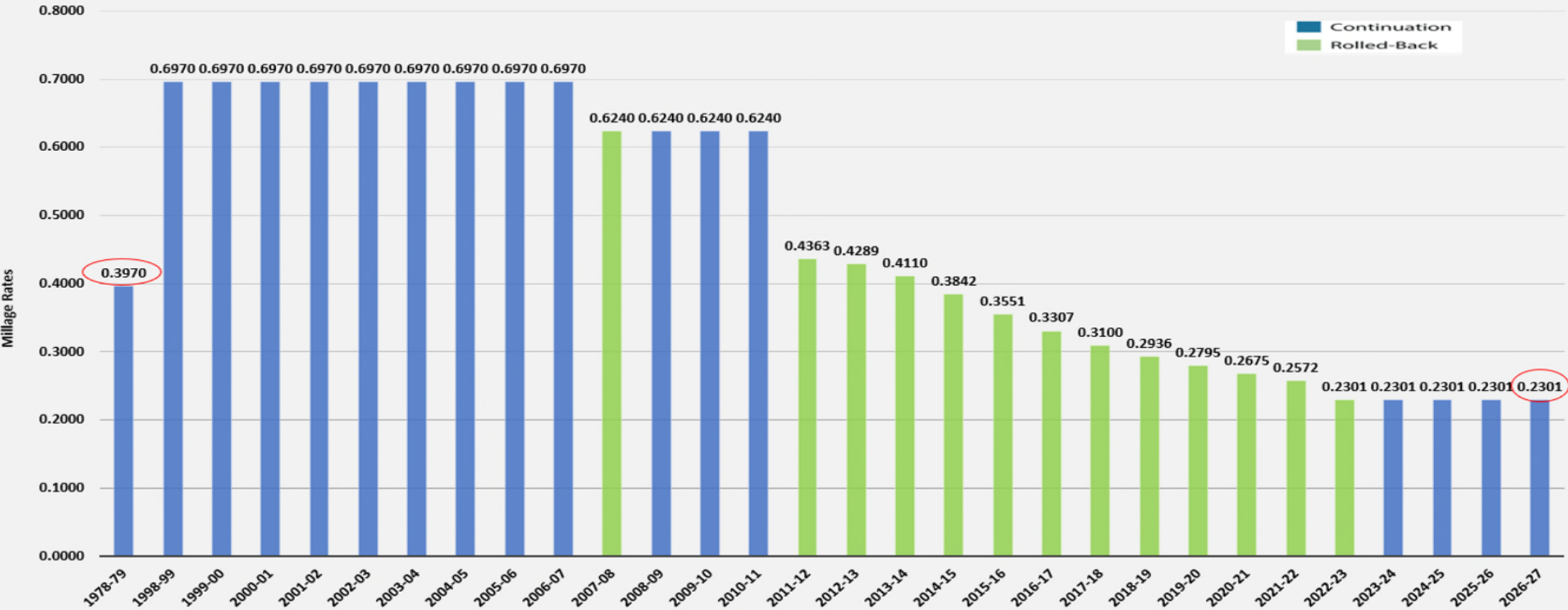
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Example - History of Okeechobee Basin Combined Millage Rate

SFWMD Combined Millage Rates For The Okeechobee Basin



Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Millage Rates

Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Rolled-Back Millage Rates
District-wide	0.0948	0.0948	0.0906
Big Cypress Basin	0.0978	0.0978	0.0965
Okeechobee Basin	0.1026	0.1026	0.0977
Everglades Construction Project	0.0327	0.0327	0.0312

*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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 Tentative Millage Rates Adoption Resolutions

➤ **Adopt Resolution 2026-0907:**

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 2026-2027

➤ **Adopt Resolution 2026-0908:**

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 2026-2027

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Millage Rates Adoption Resolutions

➤ **Adopt Resolution 2026-0909:**

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 2026-2027

➤ **Adopt Resolution 2026-0910:**

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 2026-2027

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 431,269.90
- Total Gross Non Ad Valorem Tax Revenue \$10,781,747.50
- Less: Budgeted Discount (\$431,269.90)
- Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budgeted Revenue \$10,350,477.60



Fiscal Year 2026 -2027 Everglades Agricultural Privilege Tax Resolution

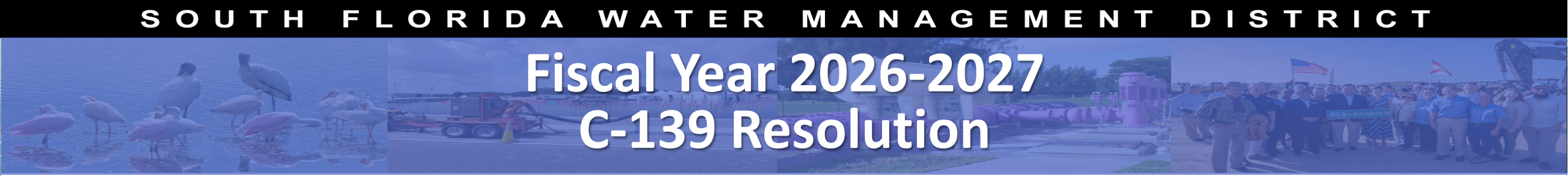
➤ Adopt Resolution 2026-0911

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 2026



C-139 Basin

➤ Number of Vegetable Deferral Applications:	-0-
➤ Agricultural Privilege Tax Rate Per Acre	\$1.80
➤ Total Taxable Acres	<u>108,899.73</u>
➤ Total Gross Non Ad Valorem Tax Revenue	\$196,019.51
➤ Less: Budgeted Discount	<u>(\$7,840.78)</u>
➤ Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budgeted Revenue	\$188,178.73



Fiscal Year 2026-2027 C-139 Resolution

➤ Adopt Resolution 2026-0912

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 2026



Tentative Budget

Revenue and Expenditure Budget

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Changes

August 1 Submittal to Tentative Hearing \$38.4 Million Decrease

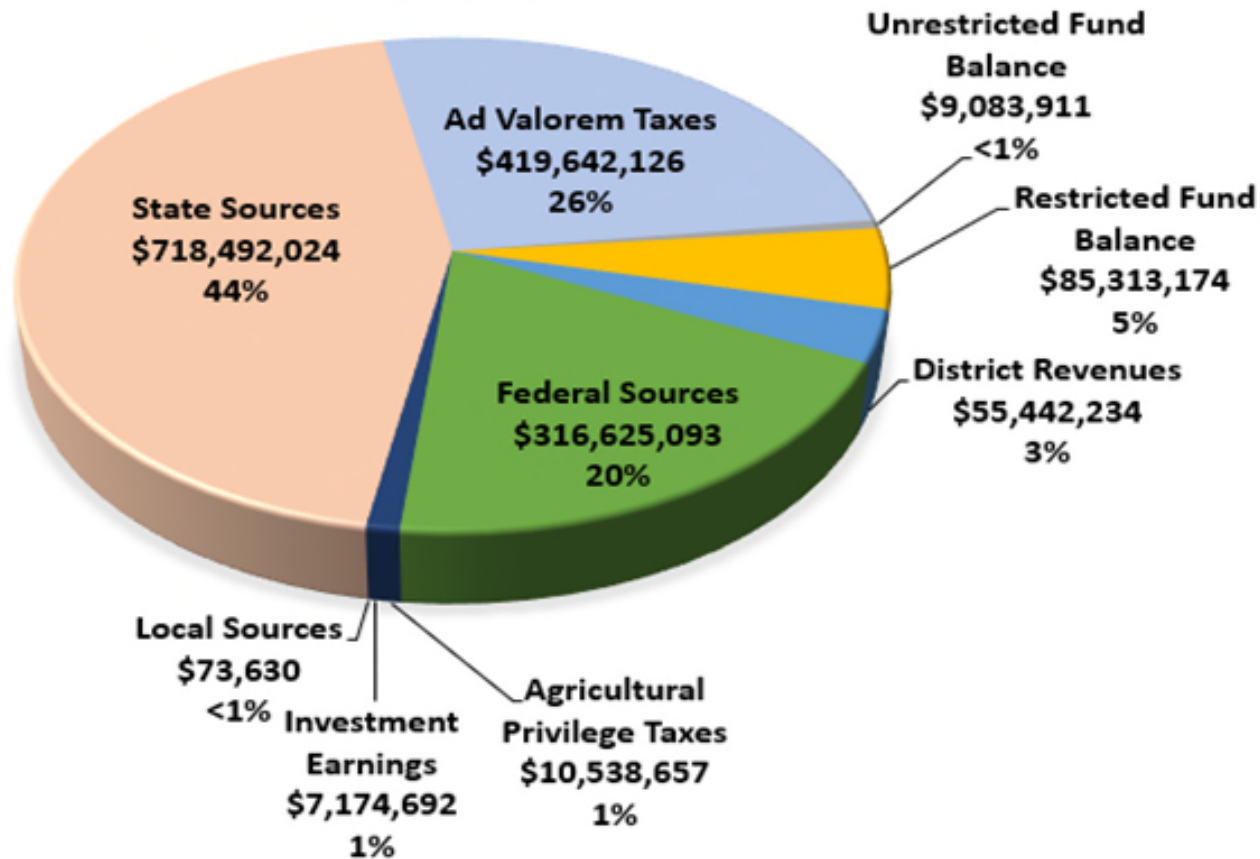
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative August 1 Budget			\$1,660.8 Million
Item	Funding Source	Program	Amount (million)
FY2025-26 August Budget Amendment (2026 House Bill 5001 E GAA 1744B & 1744D)	State	Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	(\$37)
DWM Grant	Federal	Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$(1.2)
Prior Year Appropriation Reconciliations	State	Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$1.3
C-31 Canal Bank Stabilization Grant (DEP to Osceola County)	State	Operations and Maintenance of Works and Lands	\$(1.5)
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 September Tentative Budget			\$1,622.4 Million

Note – Added \$75K of Indian River Lagoon License Tag Fund Balance to Water Resources Planning and Monitoring

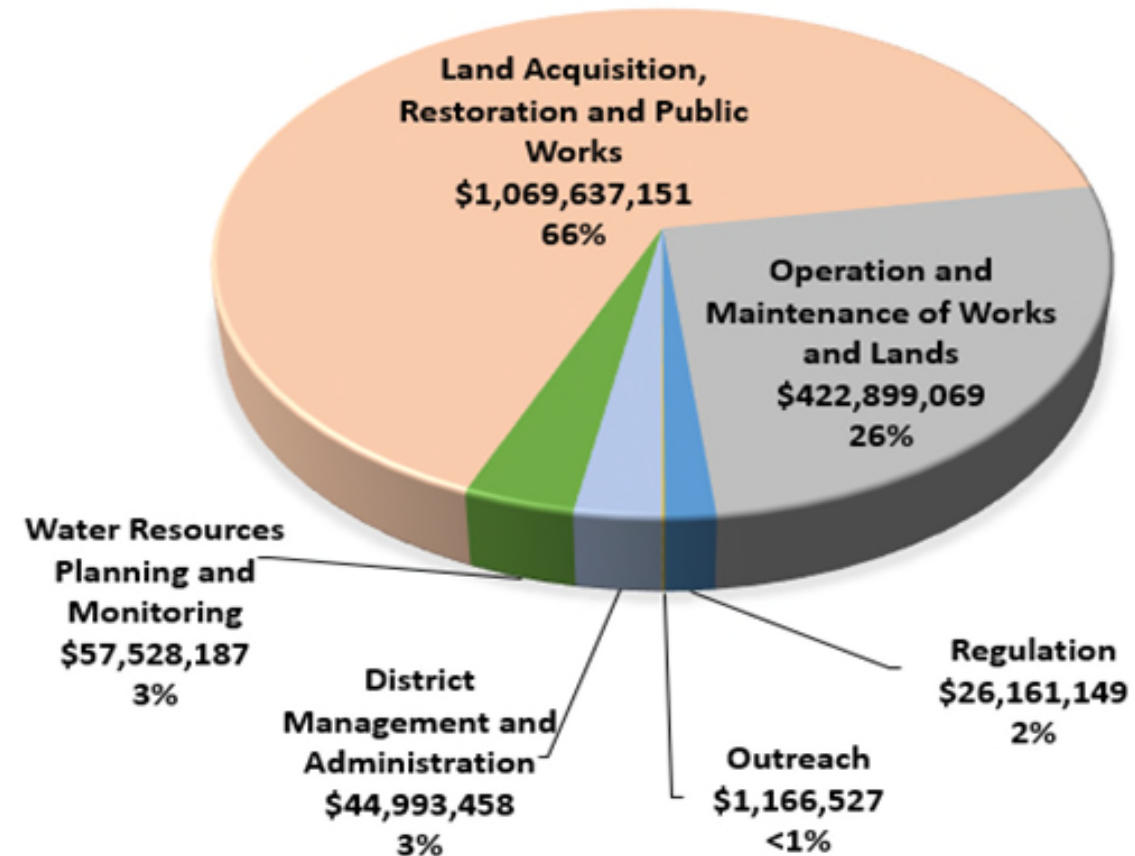
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget

\$1,622,385,541

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
REVENUES BY SOURCE
\$1,622,385,541



FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM
\$1,622,385,541



Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget Adoption Resolution

➤ **Adopt Resolution 2026-0913:**

Adopt the Tentative Budget of \$1,622,385,541 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027



Thank You