

# **SFWMD FY2014 First Budget Public Hearing**

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# Tentative Millage Rates & Budget

Millage Levy	FY2014 Tentative Rates	Rolled Back Rates	% Below Rolled Back Rates
District-at-Large	0.1685	0.1685	0.00%
Okeechobee Basin	0.1838	0.1838	0.00%
Everglades Construction Project	0.0587	0.0587	0.00%
Big Cypress Basin	0.1593	0.1593	0.00%

**Tentative Budget: \$619,445,648**



# Combined Basin Millage Rates

<u>Okeechobee Basin</u>	<u>Millage Rates</u>
District-at-Large	0.1685
Okeechobee Basin	0.1838
Everglades Construction Project	<u>0.0587</u>
<b>Total Combined Millage Rate</b>	<b>0.4110*</b>

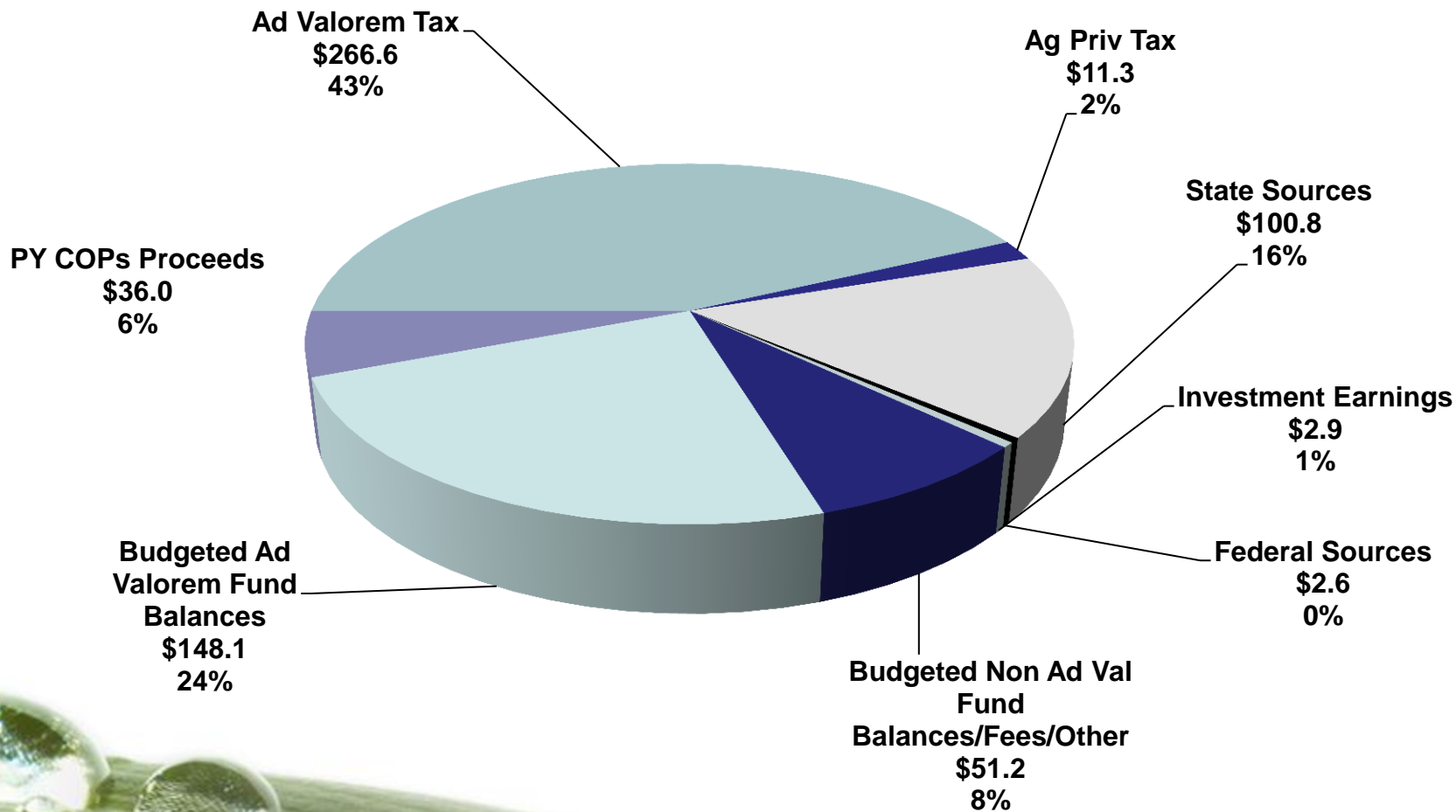
*\*Represents \$41.10 per \$100,000 of taxable value; reduction of \$1.79 per \$100,00 of taxable value from FY13 adopted rates.*

<u>Big Cypress Basin</u>	<u>Millage Rates</u>
District-at-Large	0.1685
Big Cypress Basin	<u>0.1593</u>
<b>Total Combined Millage Rate</b>	<b>0.3278**</b>

*\* \*\*Represents \$32.78 per \$100,000 of taxable value; reduction of \$1.12 per \$100,00 of taxable value from FY13 adopted rates.*

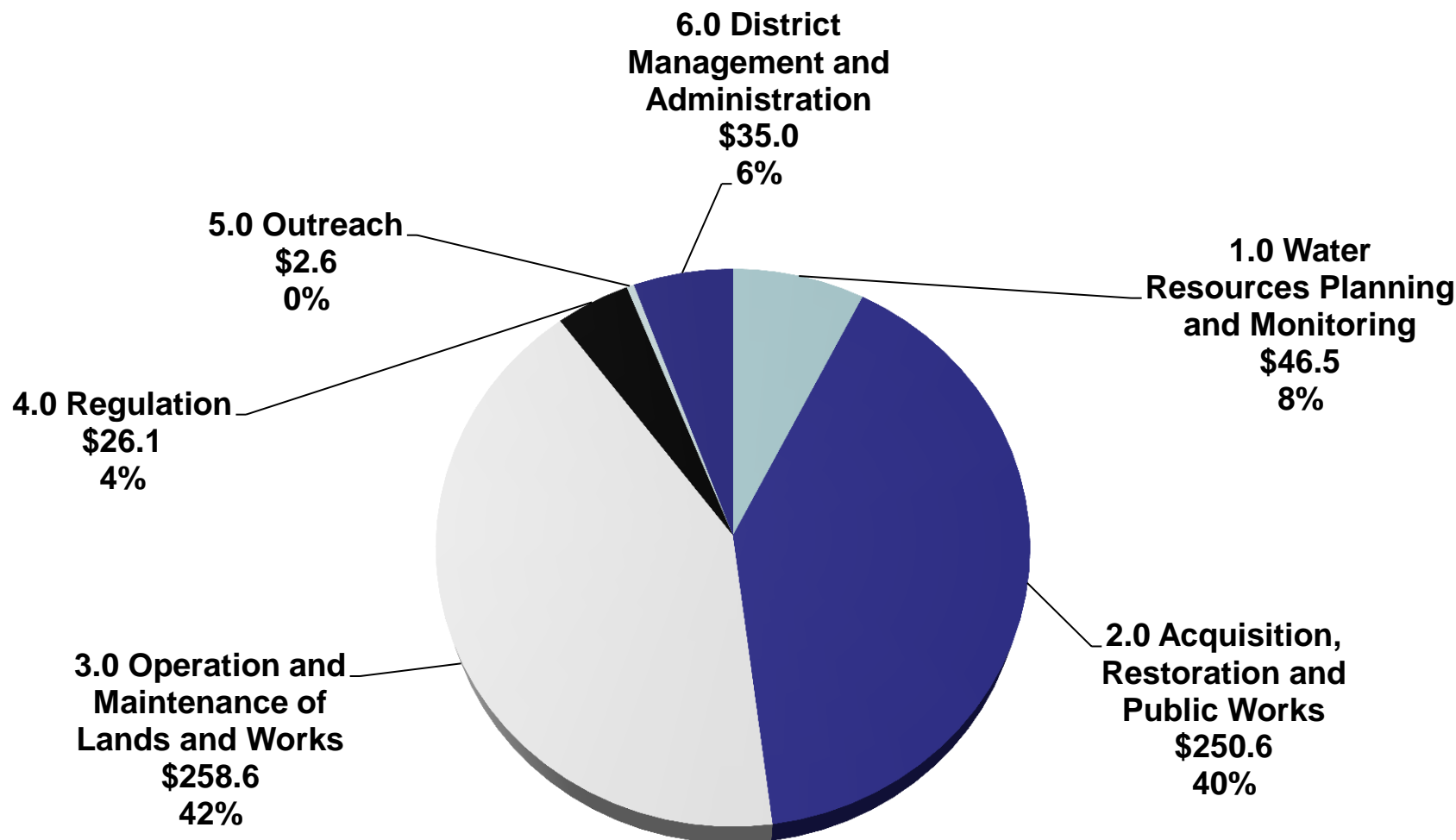


# FY14 Budgeted Revenues - \$619,445,648



# FY14 Tentative Budget Update

## Expenditures \$619,445,648



# Comments on the Budget

- No Legislative comments received
- Governor's Office and Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) comments due by September 17, 2013
  - 5 business days prior to 9/24 final public hearing
- Chair Opens Meeting for Public Comment
- Governing Board/Executive Management Comments



# Recommended Actions

## **Adopt Resolution 2013-924 :**

Approving the tentative millage rates for the South Florida Water Management District (0.1685 mills), the Okeechobee Basin of the SFWMD (0.1838 mills), and the Everglades Construction Project (0.0587 mills) within the Okeechobee Basin

## **Adopt Resolution 2013-925 :**

Approving the tentative millage rates for the South Florida Water Management District (0.1685 mills) and the Big Cypress Basin of the SFWMD (0.1593 mills)

## **Adopt Resolution 2013-926 :**

Approving a tentative budget for FY2014 in the amount of \$619,445,648



# Agricultural Privilege Tax

**Everglades Agricultural Area and C-139 Basin  
Agricultural Privilege Tax  
Tax Roll Certification**





# Agricultural Privilege Tax

## What is an Agricultural Privilege Tax?

An annual tax for the privilege of conducting agricultural trade or business on property located within the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) and the C-139 Basin in Palm Beach and Hendry Counties.

There is a per acre charge of \$24.89/acre in the EAA and \$4.30 in the C-139 Basin that is set by Florida Statute. The number of eligible acres is determined by the Palm Beach County and Hendry County Property Appraisers.



# C-139 Basin

## Adopt a Resolution:

- Granting Vegetable Acreage Applications (if any)
- Approving and Certifying the C-139 Basin Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll
- Providing an effective date



## C-139 Basin

• Number of Vegetable Applications -	0
• Total Ag. Privilege Taxes Per Acre -	\$4.30
• Total Agricultural Acres -	<u>126,770.59</u>
• Total Gross Tax Revenue -	\$545,114
• Less: Discount	<u>(\$30,114)</u>
• <b>FY14 Budgeted Revenue -</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>



# Everglades Agricultural Area

## Adopt a Resolution:

- Determining, Documenting, and Applying EAA-Wide Incentive Credits
- Granting Individual Farm Credits
- Granting No Vegetable Applications
- Approving Vegetable Acreage Tax Deferrals
- Approving and Certifying the EAA Tax Roll
- Providing an effective date



# Everglades Agricultural Area

- EAA-Wide Incentive Credits Sufficient to Maintain Minimum Tax
- Master Letter of Application from EAA EPD
- Individual Farm Credits Applications – 6
- Number of Vegetable Applications – 0
- Vegetable Certification Acres – 0
- No New Disaster Declarations
- 1997 & 2001 Deferrals Continue in Effect

Total Ag. Privilege Taxes Per Acre -	\$24.89
Total Agricultural Acres –	<u>456,171.58</u>
Total Gross Taxes -	\$11,354,111
Less: Discount	<u>(\$569,111)</u>
<b>FY14 Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,785,000</b>



## Public Comment

- C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax
- Everglades Agricultural Privilege Tax



# Recommended Action C-139 Basin

## Adopt Resolution 2013-927:

Relating to the C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax; Providing the disposition of applications for classification as vegetable acreage; Approving and certifying the C-139 Basin agricultural privilege tax roll; and Providing an effective date.



# Recommended Action - EAA

## **Adopt Resolution 2013-928:**

Relating to the Everglades Agricultural Privilege Tax; Determining the amount and application of the EAA-wide incentive credit; Providing the disposition of applications for individual farm credits; Providing the disposition of applications for classification as vegetable acreage; Applying the deferral of agricultural privilege taxes for the 1996 and 2000 vegetable classified acreage; Approving and certifying the Everglades agricultural privilege tax roll; and Providing an effective date.





# Key Upcoming Dates

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- **September 17: Governor's Office and Legislative Budget Commission review complete**
- **Final Budget Public Hearing:**
  - **What: Adopt final millage rates and final FY2013-2014 budget**
  - **Where: SFWMD Headquarters B-1 auditorium, West Palm Beach, Florida**
  - **When: September 24, 2013 (5:15 p.m.)**