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SFWMD Tentative FY2013 Budget Approved

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved a tentative \$567.3 million budget and millage rates for Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct. 1, 2012–Sept. 30, 2013) at a public hearing held September 13. 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. A second public hearing will be held September 25 at 5:15 p.m. to adopt the final FY2013 budget and millage rates.

Tentative Budget Highlights

- The District's tentative 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 tentative 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 and Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects.
 - \$8.7 million to provide 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 tentative 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
- For the second straight year, taxing rates have been reduced. The tentative 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.

