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SFWMD FY2014 Budget October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved FY2014 millage rates and a budget of \$622.2 million at a public hearing held September 24. The agency's budget is developed annually through an open and public process, including review and approval by the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission.

Budget Highlights

With more than 80 percent of the total \$622.2 million budget dedicated to restoration and operations/maintenance of lands and works, highlights include:

- \$261 million to primarily operate and maintain South Florida's regional flood control system and stormwater treatment areas (STAs), including \$50 million toward refurbishment of the primary network of canals, levees, structures and pump stations.
- \$250.9 million to restore the Everglades ecosystem, improve Lake Okeechobee and protect the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. Projects include:
 - \$101.6 million to implement approved Restoration Strategies designed to improve the quality of water flowing into America's Everglades –
 - \$72.4 million to enhance and expand water treatment facilities and construct more than 100,000 acre-feet of water storage.
 - \$17.5 million to increase capacity at STA-1 West.
 - \$2.4 million to construct additional conveyance features.
 - \$9.3 million for implementing a comprehensive science plan to optimize STA performance; modeling for regional operations of new STAs and storage basins; and additional source controls.
 - \$8.5 million to implement water quality treatment and storage projects in the Caloosahatchee watershed.
 - \$29 million to support construction of the Indian River Lagoon-South C-44 (St. Lucie) Reservoir and to take the lead on the Stormwater Treatment Area component.
 - \$2.7 million in legislative funding to move more water south.
 - \$9.4 million to expand public-private partnerships with landowners to hold water on their property and increase regional water storage to benefit the northern Everglades.

Millage Rates & Revenue Sources

- For the third year in a row, SFWMD millage rates have been reduced.
- The combined millage rates represent \$41.10 per \$100,000 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 combined rate represents \$32.78 per \$100,000 of taxable value.
- In addition to ad valorem taxes, other revenue sources include State appropriations, Federal sources, balances, fees and agricultural privilege taxes.