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SFWMD FY2015 Budget October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved FY2015 millage rates and a budget of \$720.4 million at a public hearing held September 23. 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 nearly 80 percent of the \$720.4 million budget dedicated to restoration and operations and maintenance, highlights include:

- **\$71.4 million** to implement the next phases of the Governor's Restoration Strategies for improving the quality of water flowing into America's Everglades
 - \$13.4 million to increase capacity at STA-1 West.
 - \$21.4 million to complete construction on the A-1 Flow Equalization Basin.
 - \$1.4 million to complete construction on the L-8 Flow Equalization Basin.
 - \$11.4 million to continue implementation of the Science Plan, which will help improve treatment performance of the Stormwater Treatment Areas.
 - \$13.0 million to construct additional conveyance features.
 - \$10.3 million for conceptual planning and site prep of the Mecca Shallow Impoundment and design and construction of the Loxahatchee River's Lainhart and Masten Conveyance Improvements.
 - \$500,000 for Restoration Strategies source control activities.
- **\$67.2 million** for continued construction of the C-44 Reservoir / Stormwater Treatment Area project.
- **\$20.6 million** for C-111 South Dade project cost-sharing construction of the north detention area with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- **\$16.0 million** for Picayune Strand Restoration manatee mitigation construction, acquisition and operational testing/monitoring of the Merritt and Faka Union pump stations.
- **\$17.7 million** for Kissimmee River Restoration and Headwaters revitalization.
- **\$52.4 million** for continued refurbishment of the primary network of canals, levees, structures and pump stations.
- **\$23.9 million** toward the District's Dispersed Water Management program.
- **\$30.3 million** to implement water quality treatment and storage projects in the Caloosahatchee watershed.

Adopted Millage Rates & Revenue Sources

- For the fourth year in a row, SFWMD millage rates have been reduced.
- The rolled-back combined millage rates represent \$38.42 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 rolled-back combined rate represents \$30.97 per \$100,000 of taxable value.
- In addition to ad valorem taxes, other revenue sources include state appropriations, federal and local sources, balances, fees, investment earnings and agricultural privilege taxes.