just the FACTs

This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in South Florida.

SFWMD Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved 2015-2016 Fiscal Year millage rates and a budget of $749.6 million for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. The agency’s budget is developed annually through a public process, including review and approval by the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission.

Budget Highlights
- Nearly 84 percent of the 2015-2016 budget is dedicated to enhance flood control, operations and maintenance of lands and $13 billion of infrastructure, and to advance ecosystem restoration goals.
- The 2015-2016 budget supports implementing the next phases of the Governor’s $880 million Restoration Strategies plan to improve Everglades water quality, including:
  - $46 million to increase capacity at Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1 West
  - $9 million to continue implementation of the Science Plan to help improve the water cleaning performance of the STAs.
  - $6.9 million for design of the Mecca Shallow Impoundment for the Loxahatchee River.

- Priority projects will provide significant benefits to South Florida’s extensive flood control system and protect coastal estuaries, including:
  - $55.7 million for continued refurbishment of South Florida’s flood control system
  - $27.7 million for design and initial construction of the Caloosahatchee River C-43 Western Basin Storage Reservoir
  - $45.6 million for construction progress on the C-44 Reservoir and STA to protect the St. Lucie River and Estuary
  - $7.2 million for construction and repairs to Ten Mile Creek project
  - $31.4 million for Kissimmee River restoration
- The approved budget also contains a significant infusion of state revenues, $126.6 million, appropriated by the Florida Legislature this year to continue and to accelerate the pace of restoration progress.

Revenue Sources & Adopted Millage Rates
- The annual budget is funded by a combination of ad valorem (property) taxes and other revenues such as state appropriations, federal and local sources, balances, fees, investment earnings and agricultural privilege taxes.
- For the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, $266.9 million is provided by property taxes and $226.4 million is from accumulated reserves. For the fifth year in a row, SFWMD millage rates have been reduced.
- The millage rates for FY2016 represent $35.51 per $100,000 of taxable value in 15 of the District’s 16 counties (the Okeechobee Basin). In Collier County and mainland Monroe County (the Big Cypress Basin), the tax rates represent $28.88 per $100,000 of taxable value.
2015-2016 Budget = $749.6 million

Where the money comes from

- **Ad Valorem**
  - $266.9 million (36%)
- **Fund Balance - Ad Valorem**
  - $181.5 million (24%)
- **Fund Balance - Non Ad Valorem**
  - $45.1 million (6%)
- **State**
  - $181.4 million (24%)
- **Other District Revenue**
  - $66.5 million (9%)
- **Local**
  - $0.9 million (<1%)
- **Federal**
  - $7.4 million (1%)

Where the money goes

- **Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works**
  - $296.6 million (39%)
- **Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works**
  - $335.3 million (45%)
- **District Management and Administration**
  - $36.3 million (5%)
- **Regulation**
  - $27.3 million (4%)
- **Water Resources Planning and Monitoring**
  - $51.6 million (7%)
- **Outreach**
  - $2.5 million (<1%)