



**AGENDA REQUEST FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Michael A. Register, P.E.
Executive Director

FROM: Missy Licourt, Director
Office of Financial Services

SUBJECT: Tentative budget and proposed millage rate for FY 2026–27

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2026-02, which adopts the proposed millage rate and authorizes submission of the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 millage rate to county property appraisers; approve the draft FY 2026–27 Tentative Budget to submit for review to the Executive Office of the Governor and legislators in accordance with Florida Statutes; and authorize staff to submit statutorily required information to the county property appraisers

BACKGROUND

Section 200.065(2)(b), Florida Statutes (F.S.), provides that each taxing authority shall advise each county property appraiser in its jurisdiction of its proposed millage rate for publication on Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) notices.

Section 373.536(5)(d), F.S., requires each water management district to submit its draft Tentative Budget in a standard format by August 1 each year to the Executive Office of the Governor, President of the Florida Senate, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the chairs of all legislative committees and subcommittees having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over water management districts, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the governing body of each county in which a district has jurisdiction or derives any funds.

DISCUSSION

Over the past several months, staff has been developing the draft FY 2026–27 Tentative Budget under the direction of the Governing Board. A summary of the draft FY 2026–27 Tentative Budget is attached, and a revised summary will be provided once the July 1st property value estimates have been received from all 18 counties. A full copy of the draft FY 2026–27 Tentative Budget is available upon request. To ensure mission critical functions and to support operations of new and existing infrastructure, including flood control structures, the draft FY 2026–27 Tentative Budget has been developed based on maintaining the current year millage rate of 0.1793 mills. Following Governing Board approval, the adopted proposed millage rate will be provided to all 18 county property appraisers within the District by the prescribed statutory deadline, for inclusion on TRIM notice mailings to all property owners. The final millage rate that the Governing Board adopts in September cannot exceed the proposed millage rate without a second mailed notice to property owners.