

Loxahatchee River District

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D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNING BOARD
FROM: D. ALBREY ARRINGTON, Ph.D. 
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2016 – BUDGET APPROVAL

This month we seek your approval of our proposed (Final Draft) 2015-2016 Budget. The proposed 2015-2016 Budget is available online at

http://www.loxahatcheeriver.org/docs/LRD_FY2016_Budget-Web.pdf

This month we will hold a Public Hearing at 6:55 pm on September 17, 2015 (prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting). During the Public Hearing you will receive public comment on the proposed budget. Then, during the regularly scheduled Board Meeting you will vote on Resolution Number 2015-36, which is attached following this page and included as page 1 in the proposed Budget. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-36 will result in adoption of the FY2016 Budget.

The proposed Budget includes the following (% increase or decrease from FY2015):

\$ 5,560,779	(44%)	Administration, Legal, Accounting, Water Resources, and Engineering
\$ 9,149,135	(-12%)	System Operation and Maintenance
\$ 0	(-100%)	Bond Costs
\$ 6,740,500	(89%)	Capital Improvements
<u>\$ 6,032,000</u>	<u>(19%)</u>	<u>Renewal & Replacement</u>
\$27,482,414	(19%)	Total

The proposed FY2016 budget represents a cumulative increase of \$4,300,084, which is a 19% increase relative to FY2015. The only meaningful change from the budget you reviewed last month is a \$200,000 increase in Capital Improvement Contingency. Mr. Vaughn ordered two large blowers in January with an expectation that they would surely be delivered before the end of the fiscal year. Sadly, they have not yet been delivered – despite our best efforts. Therefore, we have added sufficient money to the Capital Contingency account that we can pay for these should they be delivered after September 30th.

The recent reorganization of the District explains the bulk of the 44% increase and 12% decrease in Administration and Operations, respectively (see table above).

We are working to manage costs, and we are working to systematically maintain our critical infrastructure. Our capital investments (e.g., neighborhood sewerage, new deep bed filters, rehabilitated transmission system components) contribute to the improvement of the environmental health of our community and the reliability of our systems. We are proud to serve our customers, and we are proud of the positive effect we have on the health of our community and the National Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River.

Therefore, I offer the following motion for your consideration:

"THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD approve Resolution 2015-36 adopting the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District's annual budget for the 2016 Fiscal Year."

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Gordon M. Boggie
Board Member

Dr. Matt H. Rostock
Board Member

Stephen B. Rockoff
Chairman

Harvey M. Silverman
Board Member

James D. Snyder
Board Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-36

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 189.016, Florida Statutes, the proposed annual budget for the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District has been submitted this **17th** day of September, 2015.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 189.015, Florida Statutes, a public hearing on the proposed budget has been held and notice thereof having been published in one issue of the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the District, more than five days before such hearing; and

WHEREAS, all necessary changes have been made as to revenue estimates and expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District:

- 1 That pursuant to 189.016, Florida Statutes, the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part of this resolution as fully as if set forth verbatim herein, is hereby adopted.
- 2 That the District, by adoption of the Capital Improvement Program on pages 80-92 of this resolution, hereby authorizes the acquisition of all equipment and vehicles necessary for those projects included within said Capital Improvement Program.
- 3 Upon adoption by the Governing Board, revenues for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall be increased by an additional \$1,681,000, and shall include a balance brought forward in the amount of \$4,666,000.
- 4 Upon adoption by the Governing Board, all expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall be increased by \$4,300,000.
- 5 That the appropriations for the following budget items be effective October 1, 2015:

Adm., Legal, Acctng., Water Resources and Eng.	\$ 5,560,779
System Operation and Maintenance	9,149,135
Bond Costs	-
Capital Improvements	6,740,500
Renewal and Replacement	6,032,000

Approved by the Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District on September 17, 2015.

Board Member:

Vote:

Stephen Rockoff, Chairman

Gordon Boggie, Vice Chairman

Harvey Silverman, Treasurer

James Snyder, Secretary

Matt Rostock, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
