

District News & Notes

South Indian River Water Control District



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Monthly Meetings

The Board of Supervisors meets
the third Thursday of each month
at 6:00 p.m.

at the Stephen J. Hinkle
District Work Center.
Contact the District Office
or visit the website
for an agenda and reports.

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2026-2027 Proposed Budget Overview

Message From the Executive Director

The South Indian River Water Control District remains committed to its mission of providing flood protection through the management of stormwater and maintaining the District's roadways for the benefit of residents and property owners.

As we present the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, we remain focused on delivering these essential services in a responsible and cost-effective manner. The District's annual operations budget is approximately \$5 million, supporting the maintenance and operation of canals, water control structures, drainage systems, roadways, and other infrastructure that protect property values, enhance public safety, and preserve the quality of life throughout the District.

The proposed budget is funded mostly through non-ad valorem assessments for a property's benefit from a service, primarily flood protection and road maintenance. Through careful financial planning and stewardship, the District continues to invest in the systems that help safeguard residents from flooding and ensure reliable access on District-maintained roads.

We appreciate the trust and support of our landowners and remain dedicated to fulfilling our responsibilities with transparency, accountability, and a long-term commitment to the community.

Operations and Maintenance

Our ongoing drainage maintenance program, including swale cleaning and re-contouring, landowner driveway culvert replacement, canal bank stabilization, vegetation management, mowing, washout repairs, and replacement of damaged or deteriorated culverts, continues to enhance drainage performance across the District. These routine maintenance activities remain the foundation of our flood protection system and are essential to preserving the District's infrastructure. The District is also increasing the road maintenance budgets by doubling the shell rock aggregate material to be placed on the dirt roads. This year, the implementation of a Geographic Information System Road Improvement Plan will result in a better-organized road maintenance program, as well as identify anticipated needs over the next five years.

District Special Revenue Funds

The District's budget is organized by fund type to provide transparency and accountability for all financial activities. Special Revenue Funds are for specific operating and maintenance purposes. The District maintains the following Special Revenue Funds: Water Control Maintenance Funds, Road Maintenance Funds, and a Park Maintenance Fund.

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Debt Service Funds are restricted to the payment of principal, interest, and other costs associated with the District's outstanding debt obligations. The District maintains the following Debt Service Funds: Water Distribution System Bonds, Town of Jupiter Water Hookup Debt, and Road Improvement Notes.

Capital Projects Funds are for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of major capital assets and infrastructure. These funds provide accountability for the District's long-term capital investment activities. The District maintains the following Capital Projects Funds: Water Control Projects and Road Capital Projects.

Internal Service Funds are for goods and services provided to other District funds on a cost-reimbursement basis. These funds facilitate the centralized management of shared services, including fleet operations, information technology, administrative support, and personnel services. The District maintains the following Internal Service Funds: Operations and Maintenance Fund and Building Equipment Replacement Fund.

District-Wide Revenue Highlights

The District's primary revenue source is its non-ad valorem assessments, which make up 95.4% of District-wide revenue. Additional revenue is generated from intergovernmental revenues, contract road maintenance services with Palm Beach County, driveway culvert replacement fees, investment earnings, issuance of permits for activities in District easements and rights of way, and proceeds from the surplus of end-of-life equipment. Total budgeted revenues for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 are \$7.1 million, representing an increase of approximately \$663,000 or 10.3% compared to the prior fiscal year budget.

Assessment Highlights

Water control maintenance assessments are calculated on a per-acre basis while road maintenance and equipment replacement assessments are calculated on a per-parcel basis. Debt service and capital improvement assessments could be calculated on either a per-acre or per-parcel basis, depending on whether the associated project pertains to water control infrastructure or roadway improvements.

Jupiter Farms

A typical 1.25-acre parcel will see a \$151 increase in its non-ad valorem assessment from \$535 to \$686 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. This includes assessments for water control maintenance, road maintenance, and equipment replacement. Most of the increase in total assessment is due to the increase in road maintenance.

Palm Beach Country Estates

A typical 1.15-acre parcel will see a \$305 increase in its non-ad valorem assessment from \$1,420 to \$1,725. This includes assessments for water control maintenance, road maintenance, park maintenance, equipment replacement, potable water debt service, and the 2026 Canal C Phase 2

Realignment capital project. Most of the increase in the total assessment is due to the one-time assessment for the Canal C project.

Egret Landing and Jupiter Park of Commerce:

Equivalent residential units in Egret Landing will see a decrease in assessments of \$86 from \$427 to \$341 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Equivalent residential units in Jupiter Park of Commerce will see a decrease in assessments of \$84 from \$425 to \$341 in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Certain parcels within the District may also include land-owner-initiated debt service assessments in addition to the assessments previously mentioned.

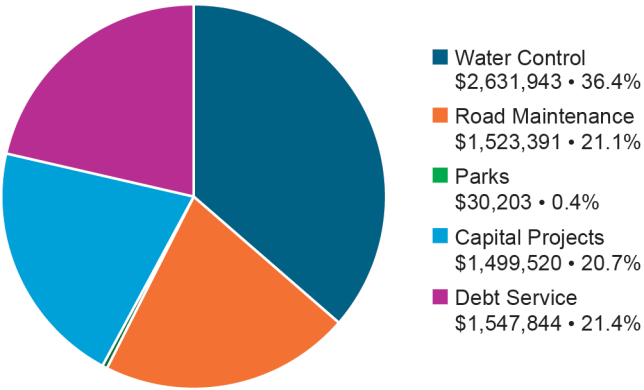
Please scan the QR code on the next page to access the 2026-2027 proposed budget on the District's website. The Summary of Required Assessment Rates is located on page 22 of the budget. Please note that assessments may be subject to change between now and the Budget Public Hearing on August 20, 2026.

District-Wide Expenditure Highlights

Budget Expenditures by Fund Type

Total budgeted governmental expenses for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 are proposed at approximately \$7.2 million, representing an increase of around \$650,000 (9.9%) from the prior fiscal year budget of \$6.6 million.

2026-2027 Budgeted Expenditures by Fund Type



Major Expenditures Categories

To help landowners better understand how District funds are utilized, we have included an expense allocation pie chart from the budget presentation that illustrates how expenditures are distributed among the District's core functions.

Personnel Services represent the largest share of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget at 26.1%. While Personnel Services costs are typically one of the largest expenditure categories for public agencies and special districts, the District's personnel allocation remains relatively modest compared to many drainage and water control districts that employ operational and maintenance staff. In comparable Florida special districts, personnel-related expenses frequently account for

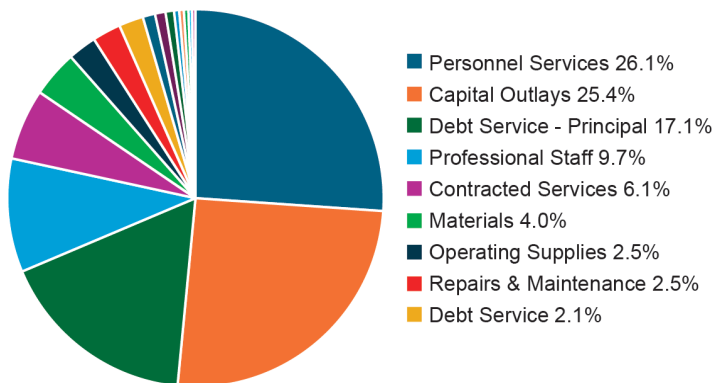
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30% to 40%, or more, of annual expenditures. At 26.1%, the District's budget reflects an efficient staffing approach that allows a greater share of available resources to be directed toward drainage system operations, infrastructure maintenance, capital improvements, and other mission-critical services. Consequently, capital outlays represent the District's second-largest expenditure category, comprising 25.4% of the total budget.

2026-2027 Budgeted Expenditures



Debt Service Funds Budget Highlights

For Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the District is budgeting principal repayments of approximately \$1.3 million. These payments will reduce the District's total outstanding long-term debt from \$5.5 million at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$4.2 million at fiscal year-end. In addition to principal repayments, the Debt Service Funds provide for the payment of budgeted interest expense and other costs associated with the District's outstanding obligations. Several debt obligations were fully paid during Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Any excess assessments collected by the District will be credited back to benefited landowners in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 as reduced assessments. No new debt issuances are budgeted during Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The planned principal reductions reflect the District's continued commitment to meeting its debt obligations and reducing outstanding liabilities over time.

Capital Project Funds Budget Highlights

The Capital Projects Funds account for the financial resources dedicated to the acquisition, construction, improvement, and replacement of the District's capital assets and infrastructure. The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget includes funding for a variety of capital projects that support operational needs, preserve existing assets, and enhance the District's ability to provide services to its residents.

In addition to the projects budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the District is undertaking several initiatives to strengthen its long-term capital planning efforts. Staff are developing a comprehensive Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 budget. The plan will provide the Board of Supervisors with a broader, long-term perspective on the District's capital infrastructure needs, project priorities, and funding requirements.

Development of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan will be supported by the District's updated Water Control Plan and Road Improvement Plan, which will help identify and prioritize future capital investments. In addition, the District is utilizing its Geographic Information System tool to assess the condition of District roadways and collect data that will assist in the development of the Road Improvement Plan and future capital project planning. Total Capital Outlays are budgeted at \$1,920,139.

The District encourages all residents and property owners to stay informed by visiting our website at www.sirwcd.org, where budget documents, financial reports, Board meeting materials, and other important District information are readily available for public review. We also suggest landowners review the District's quarterly Budget-to-Actual reports, which provide a transparent and accountable summary of fiscal year expenditures in comparison to the Board-approved budget. These detailed reports offer valuable insight into the District's financial performance and stewardship of public funds throughout the year. Transparency and fiscal responsibility remain top priorities for the District. We appreciate your continued support as we work to protect our community's infrastructure and maintain the services upon which residents rely.



Scan the QR code for a direct link to the Proposed 2026-2027 budget page. Please note the proposed budget information may be subject to change prior to the Budget Public Hearing on August 20, 2026.

Annual Budget Hearing August 20, 2026

The District's Annual Budget Public Hearing will be held at the Stephen J. Hinkle District Work Center on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting. Anyone interested in participating via Zoom can register through the link on the District's website. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Questions or comments should be submitted to the Office Administrator or Board President in person prior to the start of the meetings. Landowner comment cards are available in the conference room. Meeting information will be posted to the website as it becomes available. 🌐

Check Your Culverts!

Hurricane season is here, and although fewer storms are forecast for this year, there is always the possibility of a landfall in our area. The District asks that you prepare now by inspecting your driveway culverts for damage or erosion that will require a new culvert. For details on our Driveway Culvert Replacement Program, please visit our website at www.sirwcd.org/driveway-culvert-replacement-program. For information on emergencies and hurricane preparation tips, visit www.sirwcd.org/emergencies. 🌐



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2026 Board of Supervisors Election and Annual Landowners' Meeting

One Supervisor will be elected for a term of three years in the 2026 South Indian River Water Control District election. The Supervisor to be elected at this time may not reside in the District, but must own land in the District and reside in Palm Beach County.

One candidate, Rick Clegg, has indicated their intent to seek the position. Mr. Clegg's biography is posted on the District's website at www.sirwcd.org/board-of-supervisors-elections. Thomas Powell, who has served on the Board in this position for 45 years, is retiring. Candidates must sign the Oath of Candidate, which states they will resign from office within 30 days if their residency changes and causes the District's Board to no longer be in compliance with Chapter 2001-313, Laws of Florida.

Official ballots will be sent out in mid-August. Please use the official ballot to vote for one Supervisor. Sign the ballot and indicate the acreage you own in the space that is provided. Note that landowners whose District assessments are delinquent are not entitled to vote. Return your **signed** ballot to the District Office using the pre-addressed envelope. If you own more than one parcel and receive more than one ballot, **please return all ballots in one envelope**. Ballots must be turned in before the start of the 2026 Annual Landowners' Meeting.

Please return your ballot promptly to avoid last minute processing delays. If a landowner name or ownership has changed, please notify the District Office. If you don't receive a ballot, or it is damaged or lost, ownership is verified through the Property Appraiser's website, and the box of returned ballots is checked, and if not found, we ask the owner to bring photographic identification to the District office to pick up a replacement ballot. If the owner has recently purchased the property and the Property Appraiser's website has not been updated, we ask the owner to bring proof of ownership (deed or tax bill). Landowners should contact the District office at 561-747-0550 if they have questions regarding the election.

Please do not contact the Supervisor of Elections.

The 2026 Annual Landowners' Meeting will be held Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Stephen J. Hinkle District Work Center immediately following the Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Landowners may attend in person or participate via Zoom by registering for the meeting on the District's website once the information is posted.

For updated meeting information, annual reports, and other details as they become available, please visit our website at www.sirwcd.org/annual-landowners-meeting. 🌟