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# **Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Committee Meeting Packet**

**January 11, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Morris Hall**

# Committee Meeting Notice

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

**Start Date and Time:** Wednesday, January 11, 2017 09:00 am  
**End Date and Time:** Wednesday, January 11, 2017 11:00 am  
**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)  
**Duration:** 2.00 hrs

Budget Exercise

Base Budget Overview

**NOTICE FINALIZED on 01/04/2017 4:24PM by CLD**



## **AGENDA**

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Budget Exercise
- IV. Base Budget Overview
- V. Closing Remarks



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### **Hypothetical Budget Exercise**

- Preparation for allocations
- Requires an analytic examination of the base budget
- Target budget reductions based on a uniform methodology to be achieved by each subcommittee.
- Subcommittees are requested to report findings and conclusions to the Appropriations Committee week of February 13th

## **Guidelines For Shortfall Exercise:**

The total reduction amount allocated to the subcommittee must be achieved by:

- reducing base appropriations,
  - reducing or eliminating items funded in the Long Range Financial Outlook,
  - increasing state revenues,
  - redirecting recurring state trust funds to the General Revenue Fund. A one-time transfer (i.e., sweep) may be used to address the non-recurring portion of the reduction allocation,
  - any combination of the above.
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- A recurring reduction may be used instead of a nonrecurring reduction to meet the target total but not vice versa.
  - Reductions cannot violate federal law, the U.S. or Florida constitution.
  - Agency administrative costs can be reduced but cannot be eliminated.
  - Reductions cannot be based upon unrealistic, future-year or assumption-laden savings.
  - Federal funds cannot be used to solve the recurring or non-recurring shortfall. Federal funding should be examined however and suggestions made for potential revisions or reductions
  - Trust fund reductions must provide information regarding the specific revenue source of the reduction. Reductions should include information regarding the specific budget entity and the program reduced.
  - Any revenue increase must include specific information regarding the fee or tax increased and must be within the subcommittee's jurisdiction.
  - In addition to achieving the target reductions, subcommittee members may also recommend other reprioritizations of the base.

**Target Reductions**  
**(dollars in millions)**

<b><u>Target Reductions</u></b>	<b><u>Recurring</u></b>	<b><u>NR</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Target A</b>	<b>(26.1)</b>	<b>(19.4)</b>	<b>(45.4)</b>
<b>Target B</b>	<b>(66.8)</b>	<b>(28.7)</b>	<b>(95.4)</b>

**Budget Drivers &  
Recurring Projects**

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<b>Long Range Financial Outlook Key Budget Drivers</b>						
<b>Fiscal Year 2017-18</b>						
<b>(in millions)</b>						
<b>Dept</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Total GR</b>	<b>Recurring GR</b>	<b>NR GR</b>	<b>Trust</b>	<b>Issue Description</b>
DEP	Florida Forever	20.7	0.0	20.7	6.8	Florida Forever is a conservation and recreation land acquisition program. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Florida Recreation Development Assistance Grants (FRDAP) and Local Parks/Florida Forever	8.0	0.0	8.0	0.4	FRDAP is a state competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local governments to develop and/or acquire land for public outdoor recreational sites and facilities for the use and benefit of the general public. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DACS	Rural and Family Lands/Florida Forever	18.3	0.0	18.3	0.0	The Rural and Family Lands Protection Program is an agricultural land preservation program designed to protect important agricultural lands through the acquisition of permanent agricultural land conservation easements. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DACS, DEP, WMD & FWCC	Land Management	37.6	1.5	36.1	14.6	This issue provides funding for land management activities for over 9.8 million acres of conservation and recreation lands in Florida. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Everglades Restoration	0.0	0.0	0.0	104.2	Based on the requirements of chapter 2016-201, L.O.F., and the recurring funding of \$95.8 million provided in the FY 2016-17 GAA, the Outlook assumes additional funding of \$104.2 million from nonrecurring Land Acquisition Trust Fund for a total of \$200 million for Everglades restoration projects.
DEP	Lake Apopka Restoration	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	Based on the requirements of chapter 2016-201, L.O.F., the Outlook assumes funding of \$5 million from nonrecurring Land Acquisition Trust Fund for the restoration of Lake Apopka.
DACS	Agricultural Non-point Source (NPS) Best Management Practices (BMPs)	8.1	3.7	4.4	4.1	Reduces adverse impacts on the environment and helps the agricultural sector to comply with environmental regulations while sustaining a vigorous and profitable agricultural industry in Florida. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Water Management Districts	0.6	0.0	0.6	2.3	Provides funding for operations for the Northwest Florida and Suwannee River Water Management Districts. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Non-Agricultural Non-point Source Management Planning Grants (Pollution Prevention)	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	Provides grant funds that can be used to implement projects or programs that will help to reduce nonpoint sources of pollution. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)	8.7	0.0	8.7	0.4	A TMDL is a scientific determination of the maximum amount of a given pollutant that a surface water can absorb and still meet the water quality standards that protect human health and aquatic life. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Beach Restoration	33.2	0.0	33.2	3.4	This issue provides funding for beach restoration projects. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Debt Service Adjustment for Florida Forever and Save Our Everglades	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	Debt service reduction estimate provided by EDR.
<b>Water and Land Conservation Subtotal</b>		<b>140.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>141.2</b>	
DACS	Forestry Wildfire Prevention Equipment	3.1	0.3	2.8	0.0	Provides funding to replace equipment and to extend equipment life. This equipment is used on detection, prevention, support, mitigation and disaster response programs in wildland fire suppression. The amount is based on a three-year average.

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DACS	Florida Agriculture Promotion Campaign	5.1	0.9	4.2	0.0	Provides funds for continuation of retail incentives, both domestic and worldwide, marketing, television advertising and promotion activities. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DACS	Water Supply Planning and Conservation Programs	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	Provides funds for agricultural water supply planning and conservation, cost-shared programs for irrigation system conversions and retrofits, and continued collaboration with water management districts and the USDA for funding to operate a statewide network of Mobile Irrigation Laboratories. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DACS	Farm Share / Food Banks	3.4	0.3	3.1	0.0	Provides funding for storage, transportation and other related costs associated with the recovery and distribution of fresh produce to needy people throughout the state. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DACS	Aquaculture Program / Aquaculture Review Council List	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	Provides funding based on the Aquaculture Review Council's evaluation and ranking of research proposals to enhance Florida's aquaculture industry. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DACS	Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities	7.5	0.0	7.5	0.0	Provides funds to be used for exhibitions, demonstrations, trade shows, classrooms, civic events, and other purposes that promote agriculture in the state. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DACS	General Revenue Transfer to Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund	11.9	0.0	11.9	0.0	Based on August 2016 Transportation REC. Section 570.1912, F.S., requires an appropriation from GR in an amount equal to the previous year's transfers into the trust fund from ss. 206.606 and 206.608, F.S.
DACS	Citrus Greening	8.7	0.4	8.3	0.0	Provides funds to conduct citrus research and reduce the attrition rate of citrus trees as a result of citrus greening (HLB) disease.
DEP	Water Projects	81.2	0.0	81.2	0.0	Provides funding for water projects and initiatives for local governments. The amount is based on a three-year average.
DEP	Drinking Water Facility Construction - State Revolving Loan Program (State Match)	7.3	0.0	7.3	0.0	Provides state match for the federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program providing low-interest loans to eligible entities for planning, designing, and constructing public water facilities. State match estimate provided by DEP.
DEP	Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction - State Revolving Loan Program (State Match)	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	Provides state match for the federal Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program providing low-interest loans for planning, designing, and constructing water pollution control facilities. State match estimate provided by DEP.
DEP	FL Keys	18.3	0.0	18.3	0.0	Chapter 2016-225, L.O.F., provides at least \$5 million from the statutory 35% Florida Forever distribution to State Lands for land acquisition within the FL Keys Area of Critical State Concern. Historical funding for the Florida Keys has been for wastewater. The amount is based on a three-year average.
FWCC	FL Black Bear Conflict Reduction	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	This issue provides funding for a grant program for local governments to cost share the purchase of bear-resistant trash cans. The amount is based on a three-year average.
FWCC	Lion Fish Management	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	Provides nonrecurring funds for incentive removal programs and an adaptive management project that would determine how and when removals might be done. The amount is based on a three-year average.

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DACS & FWCC	FCO - Agriculture & Natural Resources Critical Repairs (Life/Safety)	8.1	0.0	8.1	0.0	Estimates to complete the DACS Kissimmee Lab, and the parking lot and ADA issues in FWCC.
<b>Other Issues Subtotal</b>		<b>164.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>162.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
<b>Total All Issues</b>		<b>305.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>298.0</b>	<b>141.2</b>	

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<b>Recurring Appropriation Projects Fiscal Year 2017-18</b> (in millions)					
Dept	Issue	Recurring GR	Recurring Trust	Total	
DACS	Wetlands Treatment Systems Operations & Maintenance	5.8	3.0	8.8	Provides technology for the treatment of ten water bodies to reduce total phosphorus and nitrogen in the northern Everglades and estuaries. The sites are located as follows: one in Lake County, two in Martin County, five in Okeechobee County, one in St. Johns County and one in St. Lucie County.
DACS	Floating Aquatic Vegetative Tilling Systems Operations & Maintenance	3.1	2.0	5.1	Provides technology for the treatment of three water bodies to reduce total phosphorus and nitrogen in the northern Everglades and estuaries. The sites are located as follows: two in Hendry County and one in Highlands County.
DACS	Cattle Enhancement Board, Inc. Beef Marketing & Research	2.0		2.0	Conducts programs and research designed to expand uses of beef and beef products to strengthen the state's cattle industry market.
DACS	State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida Sponsorship	0.3		0.3	Provides funds to the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists to promote DACS at the annual fair.
DACS	Florida Association of Food Banks	0.5		0.5	Provides funds to the Florida Association of Food Banks for the acquisition, storage and distribution of food and grocery products to needy people throughout the state.
DACS	Farm Share	0.4		0.4	Provides funding for storage, transportation and other related costs associated with the recovery and distribution of fresh produce to needy people throughout the state.
FWCC / DACS / UF - IFAS	Transfer to University of Florida / Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for Invasive Exotics Quarantine Facility		1.6	1.6	Provides funding to help control invasive exotic plants using biological control agents.
DEP	Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin - Operations		0.4	0.4	Provides funding to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University for estuarine observation network of land/ocean biogeochemical observatory units, which enable researchers to follow environmental changes in the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie Estuary.
DEP	Oceanographic Research & Conservation Association (ORCA) - Kilroy Monitoring		0.3	0.3	Provides real time sampling of water pollutants and tracks sources of pollution in the Indian River Lagoon.
FWCC	Smithsonian Marine Station Outreach and Education		0.1	0.1	Provides a marine life ecosystem exhibit with mangroves, sea grasses and a coral reef.
FWCC	Smithsonian Marine Station Research Lab		0.1	0.1	Provides research, data collection, and monitoring on the diversity of species and habitats in the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie estuary.
FWCC - UF	Transfer to the University of Florida - Cooperative Aquatic Plant Education Program		0.0	0.0	Provides funding to maintain an extensive database for invasive plant identification information and published literature on the control and management of aquatic and upland invasive plants.
<b>Total Recurring Appropriations</b>		<b>12.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>19.4</b>	