

CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT

AUGUST 4 MILLAGE DEADLINE - BOARD BRIEF

For the July 21, 2026 Board Meeting | FY 2026-2027

ACTION IS REQUIRED AT THE JULY 21 MEETING

By August 4, 2026, CEPD must provide the Lee County Property Appraiser with its proposed millage rate, rolled-back rate, and the date, time, and place of the tentative budget and millage hearing.

What the Board Must Accomplish

#	Decision Needed	What It Means
1	Set the proposed millage rate	Choose the proposed FY 2026-2027 operating millage rate that will appear on the TRIM notices. This is not the final rate.
2	Acknowledge the rolled-back rate	The rolled-back rate is calculated through the DR-420 process; it is not a rate selected by the Board.
3	Set the tentative hearing	Select the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the tentative millage rate and tentative budget.
4	Authorize submission	Authorize the Chair and/or District staff to complete and submit the required TRIM forms by August 4.

Important Scheduling Rules

- The tentative hearing must be held between September 3 and September 18, 2026, assuming the July 1 certification date.
- If held on a weekday, the hearing must begin after 5:00 p.m.; it cannot be held on Sunday.
- Do not schedule the CEPD hearing on the County or School Board hearing dates. Based on the schedule provided to CEPD, avoid September 8 and September 15.

Why the Proposed Rate Matters

- The proposed rate is effectively the ceiling for the normal TRIM process. The Board may lower it later.
- If the tentative rate is increased above the rate submitted by August 4, an additional mailed notice to taxpayers may be required at CEPD expense.
- **If CEPD misses the August 4 submission deadline**, the District may not levy above the rolled-back rate for FY 2026-2027.

What Is NOT Being Adopted on July 21

- The final millage rate is not being adopted.
- The tentative or final budget is not being adopted at this meeting.
- The formal tentative millage and tentative budget votes occur at the September public hearing.

Authority: Fla. Stat. § 200.065(2)(a)-(c), (e), and (12); Fla. Admin. Code R. 12D-17.003; Florida Department of Revenue Property Appraiser Calendar, PT-902018, Rev. 10/24. District Counsel should confirm the final motion and form-signature process.