NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is proposing to amend the following rule(s):
40D-8.623 Minimum Wetland Levels

The amendments remove the existing prescriptive methodology rule language and the specific Minimum Wetland Level definition for certain, isolated cypress wetlands in order to allow use of minimum level methods that best address site-specific characteristics. Minimum levels are used in the District's permitting and resource management and development programs.

The Notices of Proposed Rulemaking appeared in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 49, No. 55, on March 21, 2023. A copy of the proposed rules can be viewed on the District's website at https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/business/epermitting/rules/proposed-rule-amendments.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to provide comments on this rulemaking is asked to contact SWFWMD Human Resources Office, (352) 796-7211, extension 4706; 1 (800) 423-1476 (Florida only), extension 4706; or ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE AND TO OBTAIN A COPY IS: Doug Leeper, MFL Program Lead, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604, doug.leeper@watermatters.org, (352) 269-5863 or 1 (800) 423-1476 (Florida Only) extension 4272.

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