NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE:

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is proposing to amend the following rules: 40D-2.321 Duration of Permits

Chapter 2024-180, Laws of Florida, required water management districts to develop rules promoting reclaimed water use and encouraging quantifiable potable water offsets with specific requirements for such rules. The rule amendments are to allow for a water use permit duration up to 30 years and extensions up to 10 years if a water supply development or water resource development project using reclaimed water meets certain conditions. The District recently adopted rule amendments to comply with this statutory mandate. However, the District has discovered errors in its amendments to Rule 40D-2.321, F.A.C. This rulemaking is to correct those errors.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking appeared in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 52, No. 78, on April 22, 2026. 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, ext. 4706; 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 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: Michael Bray, Assistant General Counsel, SWFWMD, 7601 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida 33637, 813-422-6509 or mike.bray@swfwmd.state.fl.us.