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TO: Interested Persons

SUBJECT: Rules Effective on December 30, 2008 and January 7, 2009 respectively;
Rule 40D-1.659 and Chapter 40D-26, F.A.C.

Summary of changes to 40D-1.659 and 40D-26, F.A.C.

Chapter 40D-26, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), is created to implement the District's Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program, a cost-share reimbursement program for the development of agricultural best management practices. The purpose of this program is to reduce water use and to improve water quality and natural systems within the District. Rule 40D-1.659, F.A.C., is being amended to incorporate by reference the form used in connection with the FARMS Program.

You can also obtain these rules from the District's website at <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/rules/40d.htm>. Please contact Charlotte Edwards, Senior Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, (352) 796-7211, extension 4651, or email charlotte.edwards@swfwmd.state.fl.us, if you have questions regarding the updates.