**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE:** The Southwest Florida Water Management District is proposing to amend the following rule(s):

40D-8.041 Minimum Flows

This amendment to Rule 40D-8.041 would establish minimum flows pursuant to Section 373.042, F.S., for Horse Creek, in Hardee and DeSoto Counties, and Charlie Creek, in Polk and Hardee Counties. Minimum flows and 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. 50, No. 74, on April 15, 2024. 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: Kristina Deak, Ph.D., Senior Environmental Scientist, at (813) 328-3544, or <u>kristina.deak@swfwmd.state.fl.us</u>.