

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resource

DATE: April 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Authorize publication of the Notice of Rule Development in the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW) to amend Chapter 40E-4, F.A.C. to reference the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) pursuant to Rule 62-345, F.A.C., for applications received on or after February 2, 2004

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Notice of Rule Development to amend Chapter 40E-4, F.A.C., to reference the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) pursuant to Rule 62-345, F.A.C., for applications received on or after February 2, 2004

Background

In 2003, the state of Florida adopted the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) under Rule 62-345, F.A.C.. This rule became effective on February 2, 2004 and required all state and local agencies to utilize the UMAM method when calculating wetland mitigation requirements for development projects. Since that time the District has been utilizing the UMAM method as required by Rule 62-345 F.A.C.; however, the District's rules do not currently reference the state rule. The purpose of this proposed rule development is to reference Rule 62.345 F.A.C.

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