

**Consideration of the Amended Petition  
for Rulemaking to Amend the  
Caloosahatchee MFL Rule and  
Recovery Strategy filed by  
Conservancy of Southwest Florida and  
Ralf Brooks**



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# Order of Presentation

1. Introduction (*Carlyn Kowalsky*)
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6. Governing Board Action on Petitioner's Request

# Petitioner's Request

Enter a final order granting the Amended Petition of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Ralf Brookes to amend Rule 40E-8.221(2) and Rule 40E-8.421(2), F.A.C.

# Caloosahatchee Watershed



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# Considerations

- Governing Board has discretion to determine when to update MFL rule
- District must scientifically and technically justify a MFL revision to meet rulemaking standards – §120.56(2) and §120.52(8), F.S.
- Additional scientific and technical tasks must be completed to support an update to the MFL

# Existing MFL = 300 cubic feet per second

- Currently 300 cfs is not met most of the time
- The only plan in place to meet 300 cfs is the Recovery Strategy for Caloosahatchee = C-43 Reservoir

# What a MFL does not do:

1. Does not create water
2. Does not prevent additional withdrawals if consistent with recovery plan
3. If the MFL number changes those two facts are still true

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