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Mr. David Swift
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Dear Mr. Swift:

Thank you for posting the recent information on the SFWMD Web Site "Existing Legal Uses Changes Made Since 12/2000". This information will be of some use in developing an Initial Reservation for the Caloosahatchee River scheduled for 2006. However, it appears the information for C-43 or connected canals are not as complete as information you have presented for the Lower East Coast system.

The information summarizing irrigated acres within the C-43 Basin is somewhat useful but to fully understand how much water will be available for an Initial Reservation, we will need to know how much water is permitted within the basin currently and in December 2000. We would also respectfully request additional information on the description (amounts of water and for what purpose) of new, modified and transferred permits since 12/2000.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,

Karen Bickford, Vice Chair
Southwest Florida Watershed Council

cc: Malcolm S. Wade, Jr.
Alice J. Carlson
Terry Bengtsson, P.G.

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