



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Mr. Ben Bolusky
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Dear Mr. Bolusky:

Thank you for forwarding the eighth edition of the Certified Horticulture Professional Manual. Since the passage of Florida's Watershed Restoration Act in 1999, the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA), and its predecessor FNGLA, have been proactive partners with the South Florida Water Management District (District) in reducing nonpoint source pollution by promoting environmental stewardship within the Green Industries. One of our primary educational programs to reduce nonpoint source pollution from Green Industries is our Xeriscape Landscaping Program done in cooperation with the Florida Yards and Neighborhood Program.

After review and consultation with District staff, I am pleased to endorse this eighth edition of the FNGLA Certified Horticultural Professional Manual as incorporating all necessary aspects of the Green Industries Best Management Practice Program.

We greatly appreciate FNGLA's leadership in developing this revised manual. We look forward to working with you and your members to reduce nonpoint source pollution and to help assure that future generations are able to enjoy clean water and its many benefits.

Further, over the past several months, the District has developed a valuable partnership with FNGLA chapters across South Florida, collaborating with your members to develop key provisions of the water shortage orders and working in tandem with the Palm Beach County chapter to promote water-wise landscaping. As the District continues to contend with the current water shortage, we genuinely appreciate the ongoing assistance and counsel of the FNGLA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Ann Wehle".

Carol Ann Wehle
Executive Director

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