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RE: URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Dear RC&D Council Members and Supporters:

The RC&D Program is cut in half to \$26 million in the President's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2007. This cut is accomplished by eliminating over 225 coordinator positions and requiring the remaining 150 coordinators to serve multiple RC&D areas. To restore funding to the program, we will need the assistance of every council member and supporter of RC&D nationwide.

Attached is material which can help you make the case for funding for the RC&D program for Fiscal Year 2007. The packet includes a fact sheet on FY07 priorities, a Frequently Asked Questions Fact Sheet, and a sample letter. We have included information specific to the Oconee River RC&D to provide our members and supporters with a summary record of our past and current year accomplishments and projects.

This year, because of the urgency of our appeal we encourage you to contact your local Member of Congress, Georgia Members of Congress serving on the House Ag Committee, and our Georgia Senators. Write a letter, follow it up with a phone call and meet with your Member of Congress while they are at home in their District. Letters should be faxed in a timely manner. Hard copy mail generally takes three weeks to arrive in Washington DC due to security screening. Letters need to arrive by March 3 to be most effective.

Also, please send a copy of your letter(s) to the Oconee River RC&D Office, so we can forward your correspondence to the National RC&D office for follow-up.

There is a new legislative e-mail network for individuals who wish to receive updates and information electronically. To subscribe, send an e-mail to narcdc@rcdnet.org and indicate you would like to receive legislative updates.

Thank you for your commitment to RC&D. Our office is ready to help with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W.D. Millians".

W.D. Millians
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol A. Nimmons".

Carol A. Nimmons
Vice-President

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