

June 4, 2019

Samantha Rice Acting Section Chief U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 4400 PGA Boulevard, Suite 500 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

# Subject: Permit Application File No: SAJ-2018-03427 – Site Prep Activities at the A-2 Reservoir/STA Site – Palm Beach County, Florida

Dear Ms. Rice:

The South Florida Water Management District (District) requests amendment of the recently submitted standard permit application File NO: SAJ-2018-03427 to allow the District to clear, grub, and demuck a 700'- wide swath within active agricultural fields (about 690 acres) along the northern and eastern limits of A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA). There are no wetlands within these active agricultural fields, and jurisdictional discharges are limited to filling agricultural ditches (14 +/- acres) that are necessary to achieve the project purpose. Excess muck will be stockpiled just inside the 700' wide limits of construction. Other than the additional work described above, there are no changes to the stockpile expansion work described within Department of Army Permit application File No: SAJ-2018-03427.

The clearing activities associated with this additional 700' swath area lie entirely within the Action Area defined within the Biological Opinion (CEPP BA 04EF2000-2012-F-0290, dated December 17, 2013), and the Draft Biological Opinion for the A-2 Reservoir/STA (BO 04EF2000-2018-F-0867, dated Sept 13, 2018).

Please find enclosed an amended Department of Army permit application form and an 11" X 17" site map.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact John Shaffer at 561-682-6308.

Smith Sincerely,

Jennifer Smith Chief of Staff

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# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CECW-CO-R.

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#### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned. System of Record Notice (SORN). The information received is entered into our permit tracking database and a SORN has been completed (SORN #A1145b) and may be accessed at the following website: http://dpcld.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570115/a1145b-ce.aspx

(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)								
1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE		3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APF	PLICATION COMPLETE			
(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)								
5. APPLICANT'S NAME	8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required)							
First - Middle -	Last -	First -	Middle -	La	st -			
Company - South Florida Water Management District		Company -						
E-mail Address -	E-mail Address -							
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	9. AGENT'S ADDRESS:							
Address- 3301 Gun Club Road		Address-						
City - W. Palm Beach State - FL	Zip - 33406 Country - USA	City -	State -	Zip -	Country -			
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOS. WAREA CODI	E	10. AGENTS PHONE NOS. WAREA CODE						
a. Residence b. Business 561/686-8800	c. Fax	a. Residence	b. Busines	S	c. Fax			
STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION								
11. I hereby authorize, to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.								
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE								
NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY								
12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see instructions) A-2 STA Site - Stockpile Area Expansion and Clear, grub and demuck 700' swath								
13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN (if applicable) $N/A$		14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable)						
		Address US Hwy 27 (9.75 Miles South of CR 827)						
15. LOCATION OF PROJECT		0" II '	. 1		7: 22402			
Latitude: •N 26.463511 Longit	ude: •W 80.777952	City - Unince	orporated S	tate- FL	Zip- 33493			
16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF #	16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see instructions)							
State Tax Parcel ID	Municipality Palm	Beach Coun	ty (South of South Ba	iy)				
Section - See "Range" Township -	468	Rang	e - 35E (S13, S22, &	S23); R36E	(\$18, \$19, \$30, & \$31)			
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17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

From SFWMD's G-720 Structure [located on the West Side of A-1 FEB], travel west on the STA 3/4 Inflow Canal's north levee road approximately 7.7 miles [passing north of G-372] until the road turns north and becomes the L-23 Canal's east levee road. Continue north on the L-23 Canal's east levee road approximately 0.9 miles, thence east on on the first farm road encountered [which runs along the south side of the canal]. Continue east along the south side of the canal approximately 0.8 miles until farm road terminates at unnamed N-S farm road. Travel North on unnamed farm road approximately 0.5 miles and make a slight jog to cross the unnamed canal. Turn east and travel approximately 1.0 miles to the SE corner of the 560 acre stockpile area.

## 18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

In December 2018, the South Florida Water Water Management District (District) requested authorization (File No: SAJ -2018-03247) to temporarily stockpile processed limestone material within 560 acres of the A-2 site for future construction of the STA Project. The 560-acre area which included fallow agricultural fields (240 acres) and active agricultural fields (320 acres which were determined by the USACE to be non-jurisdictional on Nov. 27, 2018).

At this time, the District wishes to amend the current application (File No: SAJ-2018-03427) to include clearing, grubbing, demucking and filling of ditches within a 700' wide swath along the northern and eastern limits of the A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) footprint in support of future STA construction. The area is currently active agricultural fields and does not contain any wetlands. Jurisdictional work is limited to the filling of ditches (14 acres) within the 700' swath. Best Management Practices will remain in place until work has been completed and the work area has become stabilized.

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

The originally proposed work that was submitted to the USACE in December 2018 (File No. SAJ-2018-03427) was intended to support the temporary stockpiling of processed limestone from the adjacent A-1 FEB in anticipation of its use within the Federally Authorized A-2 Reservoir/STA project. This additional clearing of 700' swath (site prep work) is also in support of the upcoming STA construction.

The clearing activities associated with the 700' swath area also lie entirely within the Action Area defined within the Biological Opinion (CEPP BO 04EF2000-2012-F-0290, dated December 17, 2013 and Draft BO for A-2 Reservoir/STA (04EF2000-2018-F-0867, dated Sept 13, 2018). In addition NEPA has been completed under the USACE's Final Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Everglades Planning Project dated December 2014 and the Post Authorization Change Report dated March 2018.

### USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

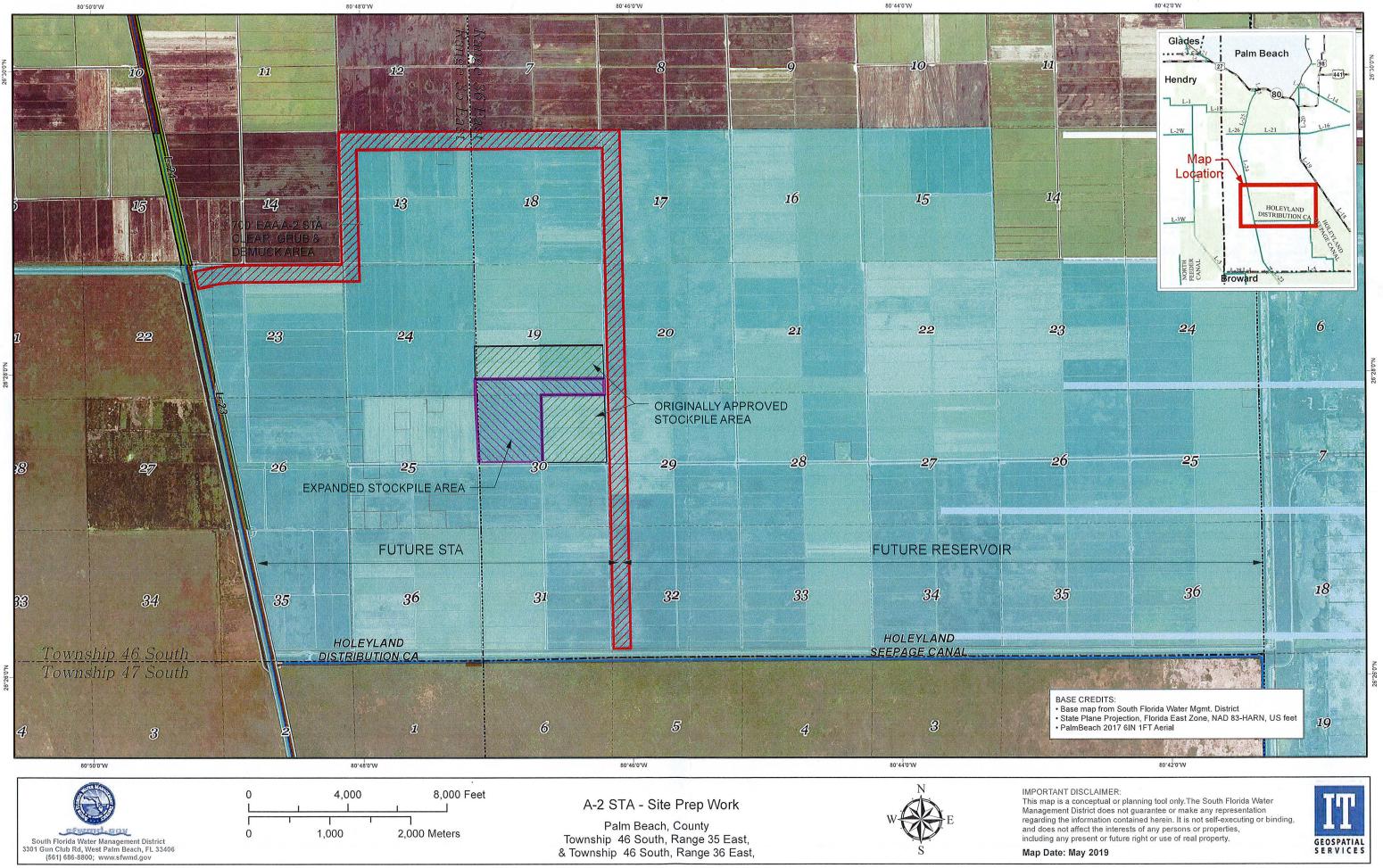
20. Reason(s) for Discharge

Jurisdictional discharges are limited to filling ditches and temporarily stockpiling processed limestone on degraded wetland areas, all of which are necessary to support STA construction.

Гуре Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards
260,000 +/- CY of Muck	800,000 +/- CY of Processed Limestone	90,000 +/- CY of Ditch Fill
22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands of	r Other Waters Filled (see instructions)	
Acres 240 +/- acres of highly degra	aded wetlands (fallow agricultural fields); 15.6 +/- acres	s of ditches
or		
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	ion, and Compensation (see instructions)	

Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Everglades Planning Project dated December 2014 and the Post Authorization Change Report dated March 2018. Mitigation has not been proposed because any loss in aquatic resource functions and/or services will be more than offset by constructing and operating the Federally approved A-2 STA project.

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete?	es 🗴 No IF YES, DESCI		WORK						
24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? Yes X No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK Following receipt of the USACE's determination that a DA permit was not required for work within active agricultural fields, site prep work commenced within the 320 acres in November 2018.									
25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list).									
a. Address- <b>**</b> All adjacent lands are owned by SFV	VMD**								
City -	State -		Zip -						
h Address									
b. Address-									
City -	State -		Zip -						
c. Address-									
City -	State -		Zip -						
d. Address-									
City -	State -		Zip -						
e. Address-									
City -	State -	*	Zip -						
26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received		or Local Agencies for W	ork Described in This Applie	cation.					
AGENCY TYPE APPROVAL*	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE APPLIED	DATE APPROVED	DATE DENIED					
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<ul> <li>* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, a</li> <li>27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to a</li> </ul>		this application I certi	fy that this information in thi	s application is					
complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the applicant.	authority to undertake the w $(o-4-19)$	ork described herein or	am acting as the duly autho	rized agent of the					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE	SIGNATURE		DATE					
The Application must/be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.									
18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in									
knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent									
statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$		-							



Remedy: \_\_\_\_\_ User Name:rschaff

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