



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

June 4, 2019

Mr. Gaston Cantens
Vice President
Florida Crystals Corporation
One North Clematis Street, Ste 200
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Subject: Expedited EAA Reservoir Project

Dear Mr. Cantens:

Thank you for meeting and reaffirming Florida Crystals' commitment to ensure your Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) operations and leases are not an obstacle to the construction of the EAA Reservoir Project. Your commitment to transition land as needed by the District if construction is accelerated is appreciated and necessary as the District and our Governing Board expeditiously implement this Project.

To protect Florida's water resources, Governor DeSantis issued his "Achieving More Now for Florida's Environment" Executive Order, instructing the District to immediately begin the next phase of the EAA Reservoir Project. The District has done so, aggressively accelerating the initiation of construction by 18 months.

As a result, the District submitted permit applications to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Florida Department of Environmental Protection to clear, grub, and demuck 690 acres. We are coordinating closely with our state and federal partners and expect to obtain timely approvals for this work. The District will pursue expediting every component of this Project, including asking the Army Corps of Engineers to act with the same sense of urgency as our Governor and Board.

Florida Crystals' commitment to transition land as needed by the District is necessary to the Project's success. We will keep you informed of our progress so that you can prepare to seamlessly transition land to the District.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Drew Bartlett", is written over a horizontal line.

Drew Bartlett
Executive Director