



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Mr. Eric P. Summa
Chief, Planning and Policy Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Environmental Branch
701 San Marco Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

Dear Mr. Summa:

I write to thank you for meeting with us and participating in the comprehensive discussion regarding Florida Senate Bill 10 (SB10), specifically, the development of a post authorization change report (PACR) for the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP).

This valuable discussion focused on several alternatives for implementing SB10 and planning for a storage reservoir within the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA). While the meetings were productive, they raised some key challenges that we should address together. Please let us know how we can help:

- Support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to participate in planning of a storage reservoir and meet the schedule outlined in SB10.
- Reduce the uncertainty of Corps approval should the District take a lead role in planning. We recognize that some of the options presented perhaps have no particular precedent when considering the complexities of SFWMD's proposal.
- Deliver a plan that can successfully navigate the federal administrative and Congressional process for approval and meet the requirements for the state and federal government splitting the costs.

As your local sponsor for this project, we look forward to working with you and your team as well as maintaining clear communication to realize the benefits of an EAA reservoir for the Everglades ecosystem as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Mitnik".

John P. Mitnik
Chief Engineer

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