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From: Captain Dan Kipnis [kipnisd@atlanticbb.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Buermann, Eric
Subject: US Sugar River of Grass Acquisition
Attachments: kipnisd.vcf

Eric Buermann, Chair
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

February 25, 2010

Re: US Sugar River of Grass Acquisition

Dear Chairman Buermann,

I am writing to ask that you extend the contract deadline to purchase 73,000 acres of land from the U.S. Sugar Corporation. A key shortcoming of Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) was not requiring enough land for storing and cleaning water, and instead depending on untested technology. With this deal, we now have the opportunity to store, clean, and deliver water south to rehydrate the Everglades that we didn't have before, and actually accomplish CERP's goals for the people of south Florida. The opportunity to purchase this land for restoration is monumental, and at this step in the process, we must not lose the possibility of finally correcting a fundamental shortcoming of the restoration plan.

Here in Miami-Dade County we have long recognized the importance of Everglades restoration to the long-term health of our communities. As residents of South Florida we depend on decisions by the state of Florida and the South Florida Water Management District to ensure the long-term health of our regional water supply system and protecting our unique Everglades. The flow of abundant clean water through the Everglades is the key to South Florida's tourist, boating, fishing and agricultural industries. Hundreds of thousands of good-paying Florida jobs depend on these industries. Florida must act to secure the land now, while it is available from a willing seller.

The vision of this board in moving the deal to this point is monumental. Please don't change course now and miss the chance on this one time deal. Vote to extend the contract with U. S. Sugar for the benefit of the Everglades and the citizens of Broward County.

Sincerely,

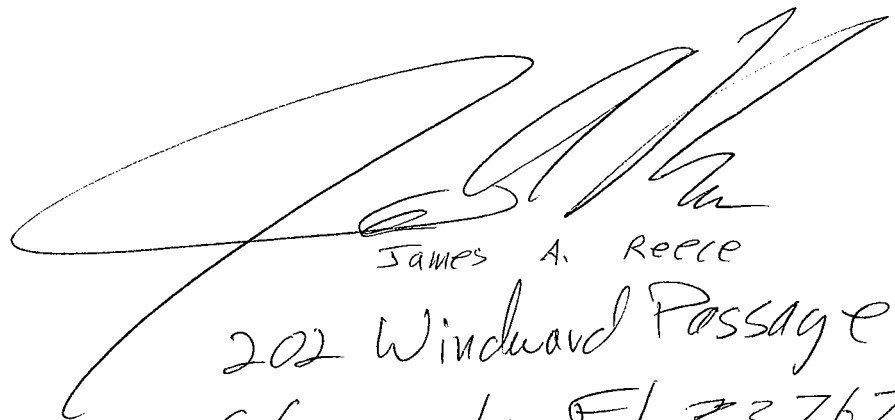
Captain Dan Kipnis
Member Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team

3156 Royal Palm Ave.
Miami Beach, Fla. 33140
305-672-3807

FEBRUARY 2010

ERIC BUERMANN,
SFWMD GB
PO BOX 24680
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33416

I seriously urge you to
extend the River of Grass Purchase
contract.



James A. Reece
202 Windward Passage
Clewata, FL 33767

February 2010

Mr. Eric Buermann, Chair
S. FL Water Management District GB
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline
for the River of Grass Land acquisition in March.

sincerely,

Nancy K. Petros
1545 NE 174 St
N. Miami Beach, FL 33162

February 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFWMD Governing Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Mr. Buermann:

I urge you to vote to extend the
purchase contract deadline for the
River of Grass land acquisition in March.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. Jones

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February 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFWMD Governing Board
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

I URGE YOU TO VOTE TO EXTEND THE PURCHASE CONTRACT DEADLINE FOR THE
RIVER OF GRASS LAND ACQUISITION IN MARCH

Ken Westerlund
28 MOSS LANE
Hollywood, FL 33021

February 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFWMD, Gov. Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Mr. Buermann,

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase
contract deadline for the River of Grass land
acquisition until March 2010.

Thank you very much!

Ramona Moeller
2066 Onondaga Ln
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

**sent to each Bd mbr*

Charles J. Dauray

South Florida Water Management District
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Dear Mr Dauray,

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline for the River of Grass land acquisition in March. The Governing Board, Governor Crist, and countless other stakeholders have dedicated years of focused work to crafting a workable plan and finding funding sources for it.

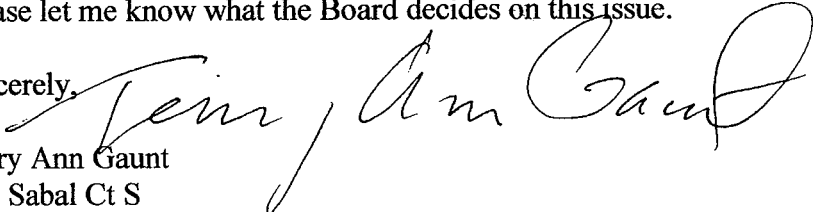
Florida taxpayers have committed billions of dollars to Everglades restoration projects. The purchase of the U.S. Sugar Corp. land is the most cost-effective way to help move forward with restoration plans.

We need the Governing Board to extend the deadline to accommodate the Florida Supreme Court timeline to work through existing and new questions that will arise when dealing with an issue as complicated and significant as the River of Grass land acquisition.

I commend this Governing Board for its commitment to Everglades restoration and ask that you see this process through and vote to extend the River of Grass land purchase contract.

Please let me know what the Board decides on this issue.

Sincerely,


Terry Ann Gaunt
757 Sabal Ct S
St Petersburg FL 33705

February 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
South Florida Water Management, District Governing Board
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Dear Mr. Buermann,

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract
deadline for the River of Grass land acquisition in March.

Best wishes,
Bernardo Kennedy

455 Golden Isles drive
Hallandale Beach FL 33009

Eric Buermann, chair
SFWMD Governing Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Feb. 2010

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline
for the River of Grass land acquisition in March.

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Aaron Staller
3625 College Ave
Davie, F.L. 33314

February 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair

South FL Water Management District Governing Board

P.O. Box 24680

West Palm Beach, FL 33416 - 4680

Dear Mr. Buermann,

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase
contract deadline for the River of Grass land
acquisition in March -

Please, do it!

Thank you.

Greg Bush
19195 Mystic Pointe Dr
Brentwood, FL 33180

Mr. Buermann:

I URGE you to VOTE to extend
The purchase contract deadline for
The River of Grass Land Acquisition in
March.

Richard Hilliard
3252 FOXCROFT #107
MIRAMAR, FL
33025

February 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFUMD Governing Board
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Mr. Buermann,

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract
deadline for the River of Grass land acquisition
in March.

Sincerely,

Sandra A. Ballew

Sandra A. Ballew
200 Berkley Rd #121
Hwy FL 33024

FEBRUARY 2010

ERIC BUEMANN CHAIR
SOUTH FLA. WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CON BOARD

D. BOX 24680
WEST PALM BEACH FLA
33416-4680

Carol J. Lauer
8701 SW 14th St. HEB
Palmetto Bay FL. 33176

February 26, 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFWMD Governing Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Mr. Buermann

I am writing to you to urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline for the River of Grass land acquisition in March.

By extending the deadline you are accommodating the Florida Supreme Court timeline to work through any existing and new issues that will arise in dealing with this complicated issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paula Schneeberger
947 NE 117th St
Biscayne Park FL 33161

February 26, 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFUMD Governing Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Ruth Ann Rogers
1305 Parish Rd.
Fort Meade Fla

February 26, 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFWMD Governing Board
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Mr. Buermann,
I urge you to vote to extend the
Purchase contract deadline for the
River of Grass land acquisition in March
Sue J. Westerman
Sue Westerman
28 Moss Lane
Hollywood, FL.
33021

26 Feb, 2010

Eric Buermann
SFWMD, Gov. Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, 33416

Dear Mr. Buerman,

Please continue the commitment of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board to Everglade Restoration. I expect you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline for the River of Grass project coming up in March. Everglade Restoration is critical to ensuring potable drinking water supplies for South Florida as we face rising sea levels. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amy Hedges

809 SE 2nd Ave.

Apt. 205

Hallandale, FL 33009

February 26, 2010

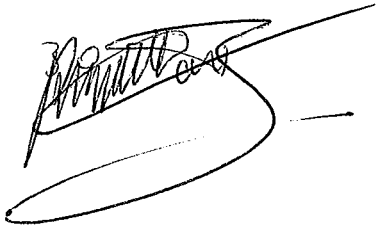
ERIC BUERMANN
S. FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT
P.O. Box 24680
W. Palm Beach, FL 33416

Estimado Mr. Buermann:

Yo te pido extender el contrato para
comprar "River of Grass" en Marzo termina.

Sinceramente,

Raquel Torres
3001 NE 185 st ofc 120
33180 Aventura
Miami.



MR. ENZ BUERMANN
SFWMD Gov. Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

26 Feb, 2010

Dear Mr. Buermann:

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline for the River of Grass land acquisition in March.

It would be a shame for Florida Crystals to thwart this important land deal - which I understand the Water Management Board has already approved ~~once~~ before - on a legal technicality.

Very truly yours,

James Alton

Feb. 26, 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFWMD GB
PO Box 24680
W. Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Mr. Buermann:

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline
for the River of Grass land acquisition in March.

Sincerely,
Kathleen 

Feb 26, 2010

ENZ Buermann
SPWMD, Gov. Board
PO Box 24680
W. Palm Beach, FL 33416

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purchase contract deadline
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grass land acquisition
in march.

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Steve Lane

February 26, 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
FWMD Governing Board
PO Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

I urge you to vote to extend the purchase
contract deadline for the River of Grass
land acquisition in clack.

Max Acanda
3922 NW 145 Ave
L. A. FL 33068

Feb. 27, 2010

Eric Burmann

P.O. Box 24680

West Palm Beach, Fl. 33416

Mr. Burmann

I urge you to vote to extend
the purchase contract deadline
for the River of Grass land
acquisition in March.

Thank you

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249 Linton Ave.

Youngstown, Ohio

February 27th, 2010

Eric Buermann, Chair
SFWMD Governing Board
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Dear Mr. Buermann,

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Please let me know what the Board decides on this issue.

Sincerely,
Margaret Magles

Margaret Magles
5700 Collins Ave
Apt #1412
Miami Beach, FL 33140

David A. Pichette
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North Miami Beach, FL 33160
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February 28, 2010

Mr. Eric Buermann, Chair
South Florida Water Management District Governing Board
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

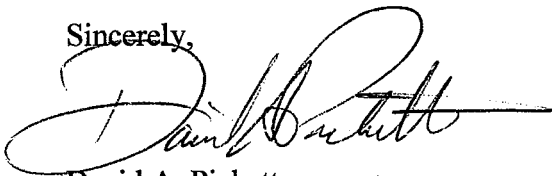
Dear Mr. Buermann,

I am writing to urge you to vote to extend the purchase contract deadline for the River of Grass land acquisition. I am very committed to the restoration of the Everglades, having visited the Everglades several times and used it for recreation purposes on several occasions. I have watched the proceedings for the purchase of the U.S. Sugar Corp. lands with great expectations about what this will do to restore the flow of water to the Everglades.

It is my understanding that now the Florida Supreme Court has some legal issues before it that may not be settled before the deadline for the acquisition expires. With almost universal support from the Governor, the governing board and the voters of Florida, it would be a shame to lose this opportunity now. Much time and money has already been expended and now we need extra time to complete the deal and make sure this land becomes forever wild and contributes to the health of the Everglades. The Governing Board has done a good job in this land acquisition from U.S. Sugar. Now is not the time to give up and let this success go, but rather it is the time to extend the deadline and to continue to work to make this dream of restoring the Everglades one giant step closer to reality.

I look forward to continued use of the Everglades and to its restored health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David A. Pichette', with a stylized, flowing script.

David A. Pichette