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October 9, 2009

Public Records Officer  
South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
VIA FAX: 561-682-5215

Dear Records Officer:

On behalf of The New York Times, we are writing to request, pursuant to the Public Records Act, Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, the following records:.

From July 1, 2007 through the date of document production, the daily calendars and all memos, correspondence, emails and draft memos sent to and from:

- Carol Wehle
- Ken Ammon
- Tommy Strowd
- All members of the Governing Board

on the following subject matters: Everglades restoration and the state purchase of U.S. Sugar-owned land. This request includes but is not limited to all memos, correspondence, draft memos, and emails involving appraisals, and other projects possibly affected by the various iterations of the U.S. Sugar deal.

From July 1, 2007, we also request all emails, correspondence, memos, draft memos and any other communications to or from Ms. Wehle, Mr. Ammon, Mr. Strowd, all members of the Governing Board, and the following individuals:

- Governor Charlie Crist
- Michael Sole
- George LeMieux
- Eric Eikenberg
- Mac Stipanovich

- Brian Ballard
- Bob Ballard
- Kirk Fordham
- Thom Rumberger
- Paul Tudor Jones
- All U.S. Sugar employees or affiliates, including but not limited to Robert Coker, Robert H. Buker and all U.S. Sugar lawyers with Gunster, Yoakley
- All Lawrence Group employees or affiliates

We also request transcripts of all shade meetings relating to litigation, now ended, over the A1 Reservoir project that has been suspended; and any other shade meetings involving litigation tied to Everglades restoration since July 1, 2007.

This request includes copies of every document related to the matters above, regardless of the format in which the information is stored. Some of this information is likely stored on workplace computer, and it is as much a public record as a document stored in a filing cabinet.

If you refuse to provide part or all of this information, Chapter 119 requires you advise us in writing and indicate the applicable exemption to the Public Records Act. Also, please state with particularity the reasons for your decision, as required by Section 119.07(2)(a). If the exemption you are claiming only applies to a portion of the records, please delete that portion and provide photocopies of the remainder of the records, according to Section 119.07(2)(a).

We agree to pay the actual cost of duplication as defined in Section 119.07(1)(a). However, if you anticipate that in order to satisfy this request, “extensive use” of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance as defined in Section 119.07(1)(b) will be required, please provide a written estimate and justification.

We request these records be made available by Monday, October 26, preferably in digital format. If you have any questions or need more information in order to expedite this request, please call either one of us at 305-358-6066.

Sincerely,

Don Van Natta Jr.  
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## Kramer, Donna

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**From:** Bergeron, Kayla  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009 2:16 PM  
**To:** Kramer, Donna  
**Subject:** Public records request  
**Attachments:** 10.09.09 - SFWMDrequest.doc

**From:** Damien Cave [mailto:[damienc@nytimes.com](mailto:damienc@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009 1:51 PM  
**To:** Margasak, Gabriel  
**Subject:** Public records request?

Hi Gabe, I sent the attached public records request to the district over a month ago – and haven't heard back. Can you please check on the status of it? I'm particularly interested in getting the emails as quickly as possible.

Thanks.

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