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Carol Ann Wehle, Executive Director
South Florida Water Management District
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Dear Carol:

It is my pleasure to extend to you and the SFWMD staff our appreciation for your dedicated and tireless effort put forth in facilitating the USSC Land Purchase Agreement. Thank all of you who participated on behalf of America's Sweetest Town. We know you had our best interest at heart!

Since the vote of approval, we have reflected deeply on the voice of the governing board and recall "loud and clear" their expressions for our community's economic future. Now, you and your board members can easily envision the grave concerns of our citizens; concerns marked by immense fear in facing the economic consequences of this momentous decision.

It is our sincere hope that the "River of Grass" initiative will ultimately serve its purpose for restoration of the Everglades ecosystem as Florida's greatest environmental treasure. Additionally, it is hoped with this formal request that you, your staff, and the Governing Board will remain committed and involved to ensure the best possible *Economic Transition Plan* that has been promised by the Governor. Thank you again and we will always appreciate your concern and support for our community.

Sincerely,



Mali Chamness
Mayor

