

Carter, Annette

From: swordbrush [swordbrush@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 2:57 PM

To: Carter, Annette

Subject: Vote YES for Everglades

Vote YES on Wednesday, the state of Florida will soon be holding the deed to land more than double the total mass of the City of Miami to help restore the Everglades and keep our water wells flowing with fresh water instead of salt water.

Thank you,
Linda Paleias

Carter, Annette

From: Jon Ullman [jonullman@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:09 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: U.S. Sugar deal is good for all

Dear Governing Board members:

I strongly believe that the U.S. Sugar purchase is right for Florida. South Floridians need this land to protect their fresh water supply wells. The Everglades needs this land to survive. The estuaries need this land to avoid fish kills and algal blooms. The fishermen need fish. The Lakeside towns will still have sugar, but can start transitioning to a future where they are not dependent on sugar.

Everyone wins. This deal is too good to pass up.

Jon Ullman
Coral Gables, Florida

Carter, Annette

From: SteveNmia@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:10 PM
To: Buermann, Eric; Montgomery, Jerry; Dauray, Charles; Estenoz, Shannon; vajra@hotmail.com; Rooney, Patrick
Cc: Carter, Annette
Subject: Please Vote for the US Sugar Land Purchase

Dear South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Members,

I have been following the news on this issue and it appears this is the chance of our lifetimes to a make a real difference in not just "Saving the Everglades" the surface area we all relate to as residents and tourists, but also to save our water supply which so many people simply take for granted.

Indeed, I know to maintain and improve the quality of water flowing on the surface and thur our pipes, we must have wise water management.

That is why I trust the science of the Sierra Club and others and why I urge you to vote for the deal you will be considering Wednesday and please argue for a positive vote from those who may have doubts.

Steve Hagen, chair

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From: Juan Antunez [jantunez@smpalaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:29 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Testing Time for the Everglades

Please vote YES in support of the U.S. Sugar Purchase.

Thank you.

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From: Debbie Matthews/Jon Ullman [mailto:jonathan.ullman@sierraclub.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:26 PM
To: Juan Antunez
Subject: Testing Time for the Everglades - Corrected



Action Alert: Testing Time for The Everglades

Big Sugar Land Purchase

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From: Hemperley, Bonnie J. (WASD) [SHANE@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:33 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Big Sugar Land Purchase

As citizens of Florida, we are in support of purchasing the land from Big Sugar. Our future is at stake.

Bonnie Hemperley

Office of Assistant Director - Finance

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Carter, Annette

From: Armando Lopez @ Navigant [armando.lopez@navigantmarketing.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:37 PM

To: Carter, Annette

Subject: US Sugar & Everglades Restoration

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my support and to urge you to move forward with the State of Florida's planned land purchase from US Sugar to use for Everglades restoration.

Many times we bow to immediate pressures, both political and economical, and in the process we relegate important long term priorities. Please do not let this opportunity pass us by. The Everglades is a true treasure that should be preserved for many generations.

I am someone who loves and enjoys everything Everglades has to offer and I hope you are the same.

Thank you for your support.

Armando Lopez *(click to chat now)*
Principal

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From: Debbie Matthews [DMatthews@de-simone.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:42 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades
Attachments: Debbie Matthews.vcf

Dear Esteemed Board Members,

Please vote yes for the US Sugar Land Purchase Deal to restore the Everglades. We need this land to restore the sheet flow to save our Everglades.

Thank you for your time,
Debbie Matthews
Sierra Club Miami Group Chair/Newsletter Editor

Deborah Matthews
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Carter, Annette

From: Jason Adams [jason@strangarchitecture.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:44 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Support for US Sugar Purchase

I would like to voice my support for a YES vote tomorrow to purchase US Sugar and begin the long awaited and seriously needed restoration of the everglades!

Thank you!,

Jason Richard Adams | Director

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Carter, Annette

From: Ben McGuirl [ben@strangarchitecture.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:45 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: YES vote!

I would like to voice my support for a YES vote tomorrow to purchase US Sugar and begin the long awaited and seriously needed restoration of the everglades!

Thank you!,

Ben McGuirl | Project Manager | LEED® AP

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Carter, Annette

From: Wekayak [wekayak@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:47 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: U.S. SUGAR PURCHASE

Dear SFWMD Governing Board members:

With a YES vote on Wednesday, the state of Florida will soon be holding the deed to land more than double the total mass of the City of Miami to help restore the Everglades and keep our water wells flowing with fresh water instead of salt water.

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE U.S. SUGAR PURCHASE!

Sincerely,

Coky Michel
Paul Michel
3125 SW 96th Ave.
Miami, FL 33165

Carter, Annette

From: matthew3222@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:46 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: U.S. Sugar Land Purchase
Attachments: Harold Campbell Public Use Area birding trip.JPG

Dear SFWMD Commissioners,

I am writing to you today as the Political and Everglades Issues Chair of the Broward Group of the Sierra Club. I am also an outings leader for the Club and each year bring hundreds of local residents and visitors out to enjoy the still beautiful Everglades.

I spoke at a commission hearing to you when the U.S. Sugar purchase was first announced. At that time the transaction was significantly larger. You might remember me as the person who said - "Such a deal". That was not a joke. At the Everglades Conference the year before on Captiva Island I had a chance to discuss this very issue with Stu Applebaum of the Army Corps. I asked him what it would cost to simply buyout all sugar operations in the EAA instead of a costly and unproven CERP program based on complex plumbing. It took him a day, but eventually he came back to me with a figure of 23 billion dollars. I advised him to go ahead and buy it as it would ultimately allow for a cheaper and far more effective restoration.

The original purchase of all the acreage (a third of the sugar lands at under 2 billion dollars!) really was a great deal for the people of Florida. Actually it was a great deal for the people of the world for whom the unique Everglades is an important piece of our planet's natural heritage. Anyway, other factors came into play and that deal didn't happen. While we are disappointed that the original deal didn't come through, we are still keeping our fingers crossed that enough commissioners will come forward to support the current transaction. It is still significant acreage and can be used for construction of STAs and other needed projects.

By the way - on the subject of STAs, this year I discovered the Harold Campbell Public Use Area in STA 3/4 (border of Broward and Palm Beach County). It has since become a popular outings destination for the Sierra Club. Birding is excellent - one of the best sites I am aware of locally. The effect on the greater Everglades water supply is also significant. Thank you so much for making that important site possible and consider what this additional acreage will mean for future projects of a similar nature. Please vote in favor of the U.S. Sugar purchase.

Sincerely,

Matthew Schwartz
Political Chair, Everglades Issues Chair, Outings Leader
Broward Group of the Sierra Club
Sierra Club Everglades Committee and National Wildlands Committee
954-865-4306

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Carter, Annette

From: Maria Ascoli [maria@strangarchitecture.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:50 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: YES to purchase of US Sugar

I would like to voice my support for a YES vote tomorrow to purchase US Sugar and begin the long awaited and seriously needed restoration of the everglades!
Thank you!
Maria

Maria R. Ascoli | Project Manager

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From: Thomas Poulson [tomandliz@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:52 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: ROG restoration: Importance of the "Missing Link"

Colleagues:

Please vote yes for the purchase of USSugar lands to start to restore the missing link in The River of Grass.

There are problems with the USSugar purchase but they should not persuade you to reject the purchase of the lands in the modified version.

There have been 10 configurations for use of that land and other land and most of them include a flow-way through parts of the targeted land and treatment wetlands even in some of the citrus land. I am sure we will come up with a great plan for use of the targeted and potentially trade-able lands as we refine the cost to benefit ration of each configuration and come up with the best combination (some great ideas in several of the configurations).

Take care,
-- Tom

Dr. Thomas L. Poulson

Emeritus Professor, Ecology & Evolution Section
Department of Biological Sciences, U. Illinois - Chicago

Senior Scientist
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation & Florida Environmental Institute
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Education Director
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In the end we will conserve only what we love
We will love only what we understand
And we will understand only what we are taught
Baba Dioum, Senagalese Conservationist
Tom's corollary: We really understand only what we teach

Carter, Annette

From: siobhan7715@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:46 PM

To: Carter, Annette

Please support the purchase of the land for the Everglades. This magnificent land should be saved so that my nephews (ages 5 and 7) can grow up to appreciate its beauty and uniqueness. This is an opportunity for all the people of FL. Please support the Big Sugar purchase. Thank you.

Siobhan McLaughlin
Hollywood, FL 33020

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Carter, Annette

From: Marianna Yerak [myerak@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:59 PM

To: Carter, Annette

Subject: In Support of the Sugar Purchase

Our everglades are VERY IMPORTANT! the state must have control of it to ensure that the urban development line is not moved an inch further, so that the factors affecting the everglades right now are abolished and Florida can once again have the flourishing nature it once had.

RESTORE THE EVERGLADES!

Carter, Annette

From: Canebobb@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:57 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades land purchase

Please vote yes on the land purchase. Thank you. Bob Stucker, Miami

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Carter, Annette

From: rodrigocoronado@mac.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:01 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades

I would like to voice my support for a YES vote tomorrow to purchase US Sugar and begin the long awaited and seriously needed restoration of the everglades!Thank you

Rodrigo
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

Carter, Annette

From: Maria Elena Navarro [marinavarro66@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:10 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: U.S. Sugar Purchase

I support the U.S. Sugar Purchase to help save the Everglades.

Sincerely,

Maria E. Navarro
Miami, FL 33155

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Carter, Annette

From: DOAldrich@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:11 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades Expansion

Dear South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Members,

Please support the purchase of land from U.S. Sugar to expand the Everglades. That great natural resource needs to be protected, and further development in south Florida halted.

Sincerely,
Dave Aldrich
Miami Beach

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Carter, Annette

From: Bianca Mesa [blancamesa@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:23 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Purchase of Sugar lands: A YES vote is critical

I am writing to urge each member of the Board to vote YES on Wednesday to the purchase of the Sugar lands. This is critical to helping restore the Everglades and restoring and protecting our water supply.

The purchase means we will be much closer to restoring the Everglades without having to spend tens of billions of dollars on dangerous and unreliable deep water wells. It means that we will have more land to clean up Everglades-toxic Phosphorus before it heads south. It means we're closer to an end to fish kills in the Caloosahatchee basin and Indian River Lagoon. It means we're closer to a day when fires won't ravage Shark River Slough and erode the organic peat that keeps the Everglades out of the sea. It means everything is possible.

Let's do the right thing and protect our future for our children and theirs, too.

Carter, Annette

From: Rachel [rachel@goldbetter.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Thank you for your support!

We need your support! And thank you for your support on a YES vote on Wednesday. The state of Florida will soon be holding the deed to land more than double the total mass of the City of Miami to help restore the Everglades and keep our water wells flowing with fresh water instead of salt water.

The purchase means we will be much closer to restoring the Everglades without having to spend tens of billions of dollars on dangerous and unreliable deep water wells. It means that we will have more land to clean up Everglades-toxic Phosphorus before it heads south. It means we're closer to an end to fish kills in the Caloosahatchee basin and Indian River Lagoon. It means we're closer to a day when fires won't ravage Shark River Slough and erode the organic peat that keeps the Everglades out of the sea. It means everything is possible.

But if we do nothing, we will simply return to the box we've created, and the death of the Everglades continues.

Signed-

Rachel Goldberg
305-899-8877

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From: Chris Gates [cdgates@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:47 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: US Sugar Cane Land Purchase

Dear SFWMD Board,

I am writing to express my support of the purchase of the US Sugar lands for Everglades Restoration. I hope that the South Florida Water Management District members will also show their support for this important purchase.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gates, RPh, MPA
2001 Meridian Avenue, Unit 319
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-527-3588

Carter, Annette

From: Ron Haines [ronalhaines@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:52 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Please vote YES of the sugar lands purchase. Thanks.

Ron Haines
561 315-0528

Carter, Annette

From: Carballo38@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:56 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: VOTE YES ON WEDNESDAY

Aries Carballo
13275 SW 110 Terrace, #4
Miami, Florida 33186
305.992.5783

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Carter, Annette

From: Carlos Arcos [carlosarcos1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 5:00 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: VOTE YES

Pls vote YES on Wednesday, so that the state of Florida will hold the deed to land more than double the total mass of the City of Miami to help restore the Everglades and keep our water wells flowing with fresh water instead of salt water

Carlos Arcos
742 Euclid
Miami Beach, FL

Carter, Annette

From: Arco Courier [arcocourier@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 5:14 PM

To: Carter, Annette

I AM EUSEBIO ANDRES, US CITIZEN AND I SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF US SUGAR.
THANK YOU
786-2551424

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Carter, Annette

From: Asmar, Norman [nasmar@mdc.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 5:21 PM

To: Carter, Annette

Subject: Vote "yes"

Distinguished members of the SFWMD,

I urge you all to please vote YES tomorrow, May 13th, for the purchase of lands which will protect and restore the vitality of the one National Park in the USA which is recognized as a "world treasure" by three separate international organizations.

Thank You,

Norman Asmar
Miami, FL

5/13/2009

Carter, Annette

From: ginger17@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 5:41 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Please vote YES!

Dear South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Members,

Please vote YES tomorrow on the purchase of land that will help in the restoration of our treasure, the Florida Everglades. This vote will also protect our precious water supply for ourselves and future generations.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ginger Vela
920 NE 86th St.
Miami, FL 33138

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National Parks Conservation Association®
Protecting Our National Parks for Future Generations®

Thomas C. Kiernan
President

May 12, 2009

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

Re: River of Grass Acquisition

Dear Chairman Buermann,

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association and our 340,000 members nationwide I am writing to urge the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to proceed with the River of Grass Acquisition proposal to acquire land in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) from US Sugar Corporation.

This visionary initiative provides us the opportunity to finally find that missing link we have sought for years as we aspire towards restoring America's Everglades. South Florida vacillates from drought and flooding as circumstances often result in too much water, or not enough. This land acquisition provides us the opportunity to create water storage and treatment in the EAA to address this problem, which is vital for restoration of Everglades National Park including Florida Bay, the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries, and the greater Everglades ecosystem we all treasure.

The Everglades is in dire need of additional land for water storage and treatment, without this the ecosystem could be threatened by collapse. We are at a pivotal point in history and the fate of our Everglades rests in your hands. The State of Florida has been a great partner in Everglades restoration and we call upon the state to continue their commitment to this historic restoration project and approve the proposal to acquire land from US Sugar in the EAA.

Sincerely,

Tom Kiernan
President

cc: Governing Board members
Carol Wehle, Executive Director, South Florida Water Management District

Carter, Annette

From: Tom Larson [tclarson168@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 5:57 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Support the Everglades--buy the Sugar lands
Importance: High

Dear SFWMD Governing Board:

I support the purchase of the U.S. Sugar lands, to foster recovery of the Everglades. Please vote to support the present proposal. We have a national and Florida treasure in the Everglades—really, a globally-significant natural resource.

Your support and your work on the board in favor of water resource protection is appreciated.

Regards,

Tom Larson
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Home 904-247-1876
e-mail TCLarson168@msn.com
Addr 887 Marshside Court
Jacksonville Beach FL 32250

Carter, Annette

From: Andres Mejides [mejides@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6:01 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Please vote yes on Everglades land buy

SFWMD Governing Board members,

The purchase means we will be much closer to restoring the Everglades without having to spend tens of billions of dollars on dangerous and unreliable deep water wells. It means that we will have more land to clean up Everglades-toxic Phosphorus before it heads south. It means we're closer to an end to fish kills in the Caloosahatchee basin and Indian River Lagoon. It means we're closer to a day when fires won't ravage Shark River Slough and erode the organic peat that keeps the Everglades out of the sea.

Thank you,
Andres Mejides

Carter, Annette

From: tedgrab@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6:02 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Save the Everglades plea to SFWMD members

Please forward the following plea to:

Chair - - Eric Buermann

Vice-Chair - - Jerry Montgomery

At-Large member for my county (Miami-Dade) - - Michael Collins

At-Large members - - Charles J. Dauray, Shannon A. Estenoz, Melissa L. Meeker, and Patrick J. Rooney, Jr., Esq.

Please support the efforts to purchase sugar lands as well as other legislation/budgeting issues that will protect the Everglades, especially efforts that will allow a more natural flow of water to and through the Everglades. The list of benefits to the eco-systems (plant and animal) is a matter of scientific environmental fact.

I am a retired public school teacher (now 35 years in Dade County) who has gotten hooked on fishing north Florida Bay as well as fishing and exploring the nooks and crannies of the Everglades.

Even my non-biology background understands that this is a necessary step to stop (and maybe even reverse) the damage I've seen done to the Everglades in the past three decades that I've fished the "back country".

Even **simple economics screams** that if the Everglades die, so does a fishing industry that brings millions of dollars into the south Florida economy.

I can't save the Everglades, but you can !!!!

Theodore E. Grab
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Miami, Florida 33143-7918
tedgrab@Bellsouth.net

Carter, Annette

From: Martin, Paul [PMartin2@med.miami.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6:02 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: US Sugar purchase

My family and I, residents of Coral Gables, fully support the US Sugar purchase.

Carter, Annette

From: Dave Patlak [dpatlak@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6:23 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Please support the U.S. Sugar Purchase

Dear South Florida Water Management District Governing Board members,

I ask you, my South Florida Water Management District Governing Board members to please support the U.S. Sugar Purchase. With a YES vote on Wednesday, the state of Florida will soon be holding the deed to land more than double the total mass of the City of Miami to help restore the Everglades and keep our water wells flowing with fresh water instead of salt water.

The purchase means we will be much closer to restoring the Everglades without having to spend tens of billions of dollars on dangerous and unreliable deep water wells. It means that we will have more land to clean up Everglades-toxic Phosphorus before it heads south. It means we're closer to an end to fish kills in the Caloosahatchee basin and Indian River Lagoon. It means we're closer to a day when fires won't ravage Shark River Slough and erode the organic peat that keeps the Everglades out of the sea. It means everything is possible.

But if we do nothing, we will simply return to the box we've created, and the death of the Everglades continues.

Thank you,
Dave Patlak
305-519-4412
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221 Collins Ave. #1
Miami Beach, FL 33139-7120

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Carter, Annette

From: Baumbach, Lisa [lbaumbac@med.miami.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6:32 PM

To: Carter, Annette

Subject: vote yes on US sugar acquisition

Support to ALL 7 SFWMD Governing Board members to vote yes on US sugar acquisition for Everglades Acquisition-

Thank you,

Lisa Baumbach-Reardon
Broward County Audubon Society Board of Directors
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5/13/2009

Carter, Annette

From: Mihai Preda [premihai@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 7:04 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Support for the U.S. Sugar Land Purchase

I support the U.S. Support the U.S.Sugar Land Purchase.

It is a big step in the right direction towards the preservation of the Everglades and ensuring an adequate supply of fresh water to South Florida residents.

Please vote in favor of the aquisition,

Yours,

Mihai Preda

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Mihai Preda, Principal Investigator
MultiMag3D, Inc.
Pembroke Pines, Florida

Carter, Annette

From: Brian Bustin [brian@bustin.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 8:09 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Please vote Yes on Wednesday

Please vote Yes on Wednesday to purchase a large tract in the Everglades and accelerate efforts to improve water flow through the Everglades.

It is always good to be cautious, but it seems that we've already confirmed the problems that exist. Stalling to drill more test wells will likely be counterproductive.

Thanks,

Brian Bustin

Carter, Annette

From: valerie robbin [flower8349@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 8:27 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Vote Yes

Dear Everglades Ally:

With a YES vote on Wednesday, the state of Florida will soon be holding the deed to land more than double the total mass of the City of Miami to help restore the Everglades and keep our water wells flowing with fresh water instead of salt water.

The purchase means we will be much closer to restoring the Everglades without having to spend tens of billions of dollars on dangerous and unreliable deep water wells. It means that we will have more land to clean up Everglades-toxic Phosphorus before it heads south. It means we're closer to an end to fish kills in the Caloosahatchee basin and Indian River Lagoon. It means we're closer to a day when fires won't ravage Shark River Slough and erode the organic peat that keeps the Everglades out of the sea. It means everything is possible.

But if we do nothing, we will simply return to the box we've created, and the death of the Everglades continues.

Thank you,
Valerie Robbin

Carter, Annette

From: bwtamia@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 9:02 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades Land Purchase

Just do it.

Thanks from my, and your, grandchildren.

Barry J White
Miami

5/13/2009

Carter, Annette

From: Jeffrey Tucker [tuckbrc@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 9:09 PM

To: Carter, Annette

Subject: U.S. Sugar Purchase VOTE

Please vote to make this land acquisition for the benefit of our citizens, and the rare habitat we are responsible for.

Jeffrey M. Tucker,
Miami, FL

5/13/2009

Carter, Annette

From: marta edwards [marta@ameliascapes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 9:30 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Acquisition of Lnad

To All Board Members

The purpose of this e-mail is to support the amended purchase contract and lease agreement for the acquisition of land from the U.S. Sugar Corporation for Everglades restoration. I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting but would like to voice my opinion in support of acquiring the land.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Carter, Annette

From: Lynn Zakevich [lzinkinc@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 11:08 PM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades land purchase

Please, please support this.....

Lynn Zakevich

Carter, Annette

From: Michael Whitney [transfiguration123@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 3:16 AM

To: Carter, Annette

support your decision to defend the everglades, no matter what the result of the vote. I support the everglades. And I hope you do.. No matter what day and what cause... The Florida Everglades is the backbone of miami/ftlauderdale west palm and naples the keys and most likely the entire state... so support the everglades whoever you are or may be or whichever good person you choose to be or not to be...

Support Everglades Restoration..

Thanks for your patronage
Michael E Whitney

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5/13/2009

Carter, Annette

From: Michael Whitney [transfiguration123@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 3:20 AM

To: Carter, Annette

Subject: Everglades Restoration

(pressed send by accident before)

To Whom it may concern,

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Support Everglades Restoration..

Thanks for your patronage

Michael E Whitney

5/13/2009

Carter, Annette

From: elzer@gate.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 5:46 AM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades Purchase - PLEASE APPROVE

Dear SFWMD Board:

We're at the stage of the pedal hitting the metal -- or not. Please APPROVE the proposed Everglades land purchase!

With a YES vote, the state of Florida will soon be holding the deed to land more than double the total mass of the City of Miami to help restore the Everglades and keep our water wells flowing with fresh water instead of salt water.

The purchase means we will be much closer to restoring the Everglades without having to spend tens of billions of dollars on dangerous and unreliable deep water wells. It means that we will have more land to clean up Everglades-toxic Phosphorus before it heads south. It means we're closer to an end to fish kills in the Caloosahatchee basin and Indian River Lagoon. It means we're closer to a day when fires won't ravage Shark River Slough and erode the organic peat that keeps the Everglades out of the sea. It means everything is possible.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Donna Melzer, Martin County Concerned Citizen

Carter, Annette

From: SaulCimble@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 5:53 AM
To: Carter, Annette
Cc: SteveNmia@aol.com
Subject: (no subject)

Dear South Florida Water Management District Governing Board members,

I have been reading the news on this issue and it appears this is the chance of our lifetimes to make a real difference in not just "Saving the Everglades" the surface area we all relate to as residents and tourists, but also to save our water supply which some many people simply take for granted.

Indeed I know to keep the water flowing on our surface and thur our pipes, we must have wise management..

That is why I trust the science of the Sierra Club and others and why I urge you to vote for the land purchase you will be considering Wednesday and please argue for a positive vote from those who may have doubts.

Saul Cimble, Miami Beach, florida

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Carter, Annette

From: Michael Ott [snorklmike@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 6:37 AM

To: Carter, Annette

Please restore the Everglades.

Michael Ott

Carter, Annette

From: Elaine [jceceloh@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 6:42 AM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: U.S. Sugar land purchase

SFWMD Governing Board,

Please vote for the purchase of 73,000 acres of US Sugar land to be used for Everglades restoration. These days everybody's talking about saving the planet. However, if we're going to preserve the planet for future generations, at some point we have to turn good intentions into action. At some point we have to start making the difficult, long-term decisions.

This is one of those decisions. Ten years from now nobody will miss the money that was spent. But saving this land for the Everglades will be recognized as a crucial step in restoring one of the most unique ecosystems on earth.

Best regards,
Elaine Codias, PhD
1604 Casilla St.
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Carter, Annette

From: Robert DuKate [rdukate@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 7:11 AM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Support All 7 SFWMD board members/Everglades

This email is to support all 7 SFWMD board members as it relates to their support of the everglades restoration.

Respectfully,
Robert DuKate
Chairman of the Public & Environmental Affairs Committee
Save Boca Raton Green Space

5/13/2009

Carter, Annette

From: Anna Louise Fulks [alfulks@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 8:14 AM
To: Carter, Annette
Subject: Everglades (River of Grass) protection/renewal

There is so much said about the survival of the Everglades which is paramount to our life sustaining drinking water. I don't even understand why we keep constantly talking about it when it is very clear what the consequences will be if we do not look forward to protecting this unique piece of land. Politics and developers won't mean a hill of beans if our natural resources have been destroyed. I speak as a 70+ year old Floridian, mother, grandmother, and environmentalist and hopefully as someone with the good sense and stewardship of our "River of Grass" to provide for futher generations. . . . we can do no less.

Sincerely yours

**Anna Louise (Ellington) Fulks
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