

15. **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT**

- b. Status of South Florida Management Water District (SFWMD) appointments and letter of support (Vice Mayor Denham)

March 01, 2011

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor, State of Florida
100 South Munroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

On behalf of the Sanibel City Council, we want to express our unanimous support for Eric Buermann, Chairman, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board and Board member Mr. Charles Duaray for re-appointment to the SFWMD Governing Board.

As you know, the Caloosahatchee River and coastal estuaries are critical to our environment, economy, and the lifestyle we all enjoy. Chairman Buermann and Mr. Duaray have been highly instrumental reducing stormwater run-off, which continues to enhance our estuary and coastal water quality. They have taken a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the water quality issues of Southwest Florida.

Sanibel is a community that depends on good water quality and a healthy estuary to support its tourism-based economy. In the past, freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee and urban and agricultural runoff from within the basin have adversely impacted our water quality.

We encourage you to re-appoint board members who understand how to protect our economic interest through their representation on this important Board. Thank you for your consideration in this most important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Ruane, Mayor

Mick Denham, Vice Mayor

Marty Harrity, Councilman

Jim Jennings, Councilman

Peter Pappas, Councilman

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