



## City of Sanibel

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September 17, 2013

The Honorable Lizbeth Benacquisto  
1926 Victoria Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

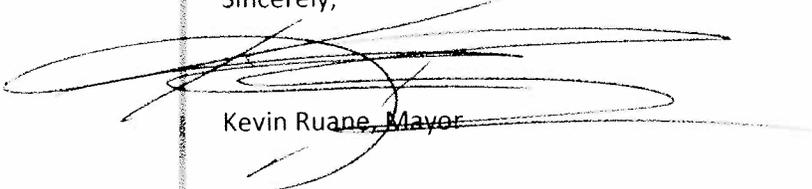
Re: Caloosahatchee Hybrid Wetland Treatment Project

Dear Senator Benacquisto:

On behalf of the citizens of Sanibel I want to thank you for your leadership and support for projects such as the Caloosahatchee Hybrid Wetland Treatment Project, which will incrementally help to address the freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee basin. We realize that there is not one particular project that is going to solve all of our high-flow problems and that a patchwork of projects throughout the Kissimmee, Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and Caloosahatchee watersheds is needed to store and treat the excess freshwater that impacts our local economy, ecology and quality of life.

Again, we really appreciate your leadership, candor, and ability to move these types of projects forward in a timely manner. We look forward to working with you to implement other critical projects that will help reduce the high-flow discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and move more water south into Everglades National Park where it is needed.

Sincerely,



Kevin Ruane, Mayor

Cc: Governor Rick Scott  
Rachel Davis Cone, Deputy Chief of Staff



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September 17, 2013

The Honorable Matt Caldwell  
15191 Homestead Road  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971-9749

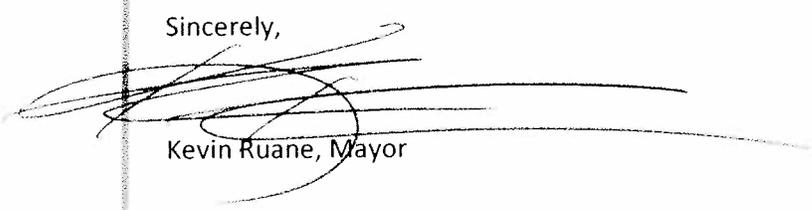
Re: Caloosahatchee Hybrid Wetland Treatment Project

Dear Representative Caldwell:

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Again, we want to thank you for your leadership and support for these types of projects. We look forward to working with you to implement more of these types of projects that will help improve water quality and reduce the high-flow discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and ultimately move more water south into Everglades National Park where it is needed.

Sincerely,



Kevin Ruane, Mayor