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November 22, 2013

Ben L. Nelson, Jr.
Mayor

Mayor Kevin Ruane
City of Sanibel
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, Florida 33957

Stephen S. McIntosh
Council Member
District One

Janet Martin
Council Member
District Two

Re: City of Bonita Springs
Resolution No. 13-081

Steven Slachta
Council Member
District Three

Dear Mayor Ruane:

Peter Simmons
Council Member
District Four

Enclosed please find a copy of the City of Bonita Springs Resolution No. 13-081 urging the United State House of Representatives to approve the Water Resource Development Act of 2013 and fund construction of the Reservoir, the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and the Rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike. The Bonita Springs City Council adopted the Resolution on November 20, 2013.

Martha Simons
Council Member
District Five

William C. Lonkart
Council Member
District Six

If you need anything further, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call.

Carl L. Schwing
City Manager
(239) 949-6267

Very truly yours,

Audrey E. Vance
City Attorney
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Dianne J. Lynn
City Clerk

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(239) 949-6247

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cc: Mayor and City Council
Carl Schwing, City Manager

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Community Development
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CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROVE THE WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013 AND FUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESERVOIR, THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT, THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN, AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has purchased 26,790 acres, more or less, and has an option to purchase an additional 153,209 acres, more or less, of land from U.S. Sugar Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the largest contributor of storm water flows to Lake Okeechobee is from the Kissimmee Drainage Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Central Everglades Planning Project is projected to move approximately 210,000 acre/feet of water south of Lake Okeechobee to reduce some of the damaging flows to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers is working to rehabilitate the aging Herbert Hoover dike that protects communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee and provide temporary storage to limit harmful releases to the Caloosahatchee Estuary Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 will authorize the Caloosahatchee C-43 West Basin Reservoir Project and funds are necessary to implement the C-43 reservoir project which will provide approximately 170,000 acre/feet of storage within the Caloosahatchee basin to help address high and low flow issues; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate passed Senate Bill 601, Water Resources Development Act of 2013 on May 15, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Lee County, Florida:

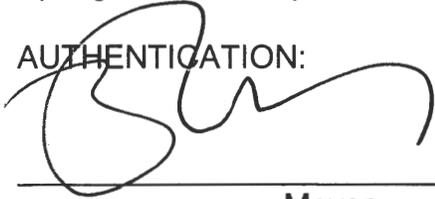
Section 1. The City Council hereby urges the United States House of Representatives to approve the Water Resource Development Act of 2013 and fund construction of the reservoir, the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and the rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Section 2. Effective date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Lee County, Florida, this 20th day of November, 2013.

AUTHENTICATION:



Mayor



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

Vote:

Lonkart Aye
Martin Aye
McIntosh Aye
Nelson Aye

Simmons Aye
Simons Aye
Slachta Aye

Date filed with City Clerk:

11-22-13