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January 24, 2014

The Honorable Roger Dejarlais
County of Lee – County Manager
Post Office Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902

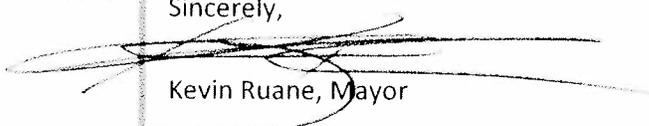
RE: City of Sanibel Resolution 14-005 in Support of the Water Resources Development Act of 2013

Dear Mr. Dejarlais:

Enclosed please find a copy of the City of Sanibel Resolution No. 14-005 adopted on January 7, 2014, urging the United States House of Representatives to approve the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2013 and fund construction of the C-43 West Basin Reservoir Project, the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike. These projects are critical for reducing the high-flow impacts from Lake Okeechobee to our coastal communities and providing much-needed freshwater flows to the Caloosahatchee estuary during the dry season.

The City of Bonita Springs adopted a similar resolution in support of WRDA 2013 on November 20, 2013, and we hope that the Lee County will consider adopting a similar resolution.

Sincerely,


Kevin Ruane, Mayor

C.c.: Sanibel City Council
Judie Zimomra, City Manager
Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney
Mayor Ben Nelson
Carl Schwing, City Manager City of Bonita Springs

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The Honorable Marni L. Sawicki
City of Cape Coral – City Manager
Post Office Box 150027
Cape Coral, Florida 33990

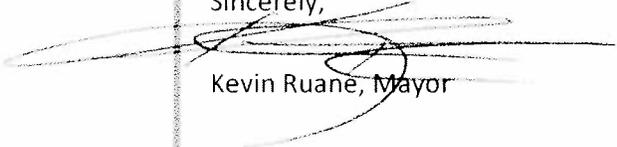
RE: City of Sanibel Resolution 14-005 in Support of the Water Resources Development Act of 2013

Dear Mayor Sawicki:

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The City of Bonita Springs adopted a similar resolution in support of WRDA 2013 on November 20, 2013, and we hope that the City of Cape Coral will consider adopting a similar resolution.

Sincerely,



Kevin Ruane, Mayor

C.c.: Sanibel City Council
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January 24, 2014

The Honorable Randal P. Henderson
City of Fort Myers – City Manager
Post Office Box 2217
Fort Myers, Florida 33992

RE: City of Sanibel Resolution 14-005 in Support of the Water Resources Development Act of 2013

Dear Mayor Henderson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the City of Sanibel Resolution No. 14-005 adopted on January 7, 2014, urging the United States House of Representatives to approve the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2013 and fund construction of the C-43 West Basin Reservoir Project, the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike. These projects are critical for reducing the high-flow impacts from Lake Okeechobee to our coastal communities and providing much-needed freshwater flows to the Caloosahatchee estuary during the dry season.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Ruane, Mayor

C.c.: Sanibel City Council
Judie Zimomra, City Manager
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January 24, 2014

The Honorable Alan Mandel
Town of Fort Myers Beach
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

RE: City of Sanibel Resolution 14-005 in Support of the Water Resources Development Act of 2013

Dear Mayor Mandel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the City of Sanibel Resolution No. 14-005 adopted on January 7, 2014, urging the United States House of Representatives to approve the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2013 and fund construction of the C-43 West Basin Reservoir Project, the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike. These projects are critical for reducing the high-flow impacts from Lake Okeechobee to our coastal communities and providing much-needed freshwater flows to the Caloosahatchee estuary during the dry season.

The City of Bonita Springs adopted a similar resolution in support of WRDA 2013 on November 20, 2013, and we hope that the Town of Fort Myers Beach will consider adopting a similar resolution.

Sincerely,

Kevin Ruane, Mayor

C.c.: Sanibel City Council
Judie Zimomra, City Manager
Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney
Mayor Ben Nelson
Carl Schwing, City Manager City of Bonita Springs

CITY OF SANIBEL

RESOLUTION 14-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROVE THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013 AND FUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE C-43 RESERVOIR PROJECT, 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 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan was approved in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 and remains a national priority; and

WHEREAS, the largest contributor of stormwater flows to Lake Okeechobee is from the Kissimmee drainage basin; and

WHEREAS, storage of water within the Kissimmee, Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee basins, and conveyance of water south to Everglades National Park, are critical for reducing high flow impacts to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; 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 Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie 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; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 will authorize the Caloosahatchee C-43 West Basin 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 Sanibel, 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 C-43 Reservoir, the Central Everglades Planning Project, the