SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

December 18, 2023

Don Donaldson
County Administrator
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996

Subject: Concurrence with Martin County changes to land use and zoning

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

On August 10, 2006, the South Florida Water Management District ("District") granted a 50% interest to Martin County ("County") in real property (the Property") located in Martin County in Sections 14, 15, 16, and 17, Township 40 South, Range 41 East. The Property is more particularly described in the Quitclaim Deed recorded in Official Records Book 2170, Page 2646, of the Public Records of Martin County, Florida (the "Deed"). The District's Governing Board approved the transfer of the Property subject to a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants (the "Restrictions") which was incorporated in the Deed. The Restrictions, which are a requirement of the Florida Communities Trust, which provided funding for the purchase, required that the future land use designation be a category dedicated to and compatible with "open space, conservation, or outdoor recreation uses."

The County has informed the District that the current land use and zoning categories of Agriculture and A-2, respectively, do not comply with the Restrictions. Therefore, the District and the County are required to cause the land use and zoning categories to be changed to Public Conservation.

As the District's Governing Board approved the Restrictions encumbering the Property, and the land use and zoning changes to Public Conservation must be completed to comply with the Restrictions, I am hereby authorized to and do confirm that the District concurs with the above described land use and zoning changes to Public Conservation with respect to the Property.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ray Palmer
Bureau Chief, Real Estate Bureau
South Florida Water Management District