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January 6, 2015

Ms. Lisa Kiefel, Planning Portfolio Manager
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Ref: 2014 WRRDA Request for Inclusion
Okeechobee Utility Authority,
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Ms. Kiefel:

I am writing this letter as a follow up to an earlier letter submitted in response to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers request for proposals in accordance with Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014).

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) has continued to receive both verbal and written support of the request to be included in the 2014 WRRDA proposals being reviewed and tabulated by the USACOE.

Please find included with this letter two additional letters of support, both of which originate at the State level of government. Both Representative Pigman and Senator Grimsley represent the Okeechobee area.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. We look forward to discussing it at length with you at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact our Washington consultant, Jim Davenport at 703-841-0626, or the Okeechobee Utility Authority Executive Director, John Hayford at 863-763-9460 (jhayford@ouafl.com).

Sincerely,

John F. Hayford, P.E.
Executive Director
Okeechobee Utility Authority

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December 31, 2014

Mr. Tommy Clay, Chairman
Okeechobee Utility Authority
100 SW 5th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974

RE: Federal WRRDA 2014 Grant Funding

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know I have supported the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) wastewater projects, even before I became a member of your legislative delegation.

I am aware of your application to the federal Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Grant Program.

I support and encourage approval of your application for federal financial assistance to remove hundreds of private septic systems through the East Side Force Main Project.

Sincerely,

Denise Grimsley

Denise Grimsley
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December 28, 2014

Mr. Tommy Clay, Chairman
Okeechobee Utility Authority
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Re: Support for Federal WRRDA Grant Funding

Dear Chairman Clay,

I appreciate the efforts of your Authority to prevent nutrients and polluted septic effluent from entering the Treasure Island waterways that lead into the waters of Lake Okeechobee, the Indian Riven Lagoon, and the Everglades.

I understand that your application to be included in the WRRDA 2014 will provide for removal of many private septic systems and the East Side Force Main Project. As you know I have been working to provide assistance to OUA in your wastewater projects, however, state funding being limited your Federal Funding Grant search is commendable.

Because the Treasure Island project is located in the Nubbin Slough Sub-watershed and drains into Lake Okeechobee I offer this letter in support.

Sincerely,

Cary Pigman
Representative, District 55