

December 23, 2003

Mr. Kirby Green, Executive Director
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Re: Water Resource Development Work Program

Dear Mr. Green:

Thank you for your Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program. Your document was prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 373.536 (6)(1)4, F.S. The Department's review of the work program must include an evaluation of:

- *the work program's consistency with the furtherance of the district's approved regional water supply plans, and*
- *the adequacy of the proposed expenditures.*

The Water Resource Development Work Program developed by your District provides a comprehensive review of the actions your District is taking to implement the water resource development component of your water supply plan. Your work program is consistent with the District's Water Supply Plan and the expenditures generally appear to be adequate. We recommend no changes in this year's work program.

We note that in this year's plan the District has carefully reviewed the requirements for utilizing Florida Forever funds and made adjustments. We appreciate the adjustments made with respect to the using Florida Forever funds for water resource development projects. The report also described substantial progress made in the Facilitation of Regional Decision Making project, the Aquifer Protection Program, and the Demineralization Concentrate Management Project. We also concur with your assessment of the importance of Peer Review and your decision to add that along with Project Management as a separate program. The details you provided regarding the District progress in these three programs were helpful in evaluating your plan.

As you prepare next year's report, we ask that the District continue to provide brief summaries of a project's progress during the past year, summaries of any studies that have been completed, a brief description of what's expected to be accomplished in the upcoming

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year, and an explanation of any changes in schedules or budgets for the project. It is important that the District provide clear descriptions of what has been accomplished each year to show progress toward implementing these sections of the water supply plan.

In conclusion, we would like to commend the District on another good report, which provides a comprehensive view of the District's water resource development strategies.

Sincerely,

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