



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 12, 2017

The Honorable Douglas W. Lamont
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0108

**Subject: Request for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Technical Assistance on
Feasibility Study to Develop a Post-Authorization Change Report for the
Central Everglades Planning Project**

Dear Mr. Lamont:

As directed by the Florida Legislature in Section 373.4598, Florida Statutes, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has initiated a feasibility study to develop a post-authorization change report (PACR) for the Central Everglades Planning Project under the authority provided by Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended. The PACR will propose modifications to the Central Everglades Planning Project, authorized by Section 1401(4) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, to increase the storage capacity in the Everglades Agricultural Area consistent with Senate Bill 10. I write to formally request technical assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the Section 203 feasibility study.

SFWMD, as non-federal sponsor for the feasibility study, is prepared to pay all costs for the USACE to provide the requested technical assistance. In our effort to achieve the schedule required by Section 373.4598 for completion of the feasibility study and PACR, I respectfully request your assistance in expediting the development and execution of a Section 203 Memorandum of Agreement to fund the USACE's technical assistance. We would like to engage the USACE as early as possible in our study.

SFWMD has initiated discussions with the USACE Jacksonville District and are very appreciative of their cooperation and support in the development and evaluation of alternatives for completion of the proposed feasibility study. We look forward to working with the Jacksonville District and the USACE Vertical Team to complete the study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan O'Keefe".

Dan O'Keefe
Chairman, SFWMD Governing Board

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Colonel Jason Kirk, Jacksonville District