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May 13, 2021

Ms. Megan Ross  
Utilities Director  
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Subject: 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan Notice

Dear Ms. Ross:

In November 2020, the governing board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) approved the 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP). The RWSP area encompasses sixteen counties and is divided into four major planning regions (Northern, Heartland, Southern, and Tampa Bay). The RWSP contains an assessment of projected water demands and potential sources of water to meet those demands through 2040.

This letter is being sent pursuant to section 373.709(8)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), which requires water management districts to notify by certified mail those water supply entities identified in the RWSP as the parties responsible for implementing various project options listed in the four regional volumes. While it is not required that your entity implement any of the options from the RWSP, there are statutory provisions that require actions on your part.

Section 373.709(8)(b), F.S., requires water supply entities to consider the information in the RWSP and provide the District, in writing, the following information no later than one year after receipt of this letter:

- 1) The alternative water supply projects or options identified in the RWSP, which you have developed or intend to develop, if any. If you do not intend to develop one or more of the alternative water supply project options identified in the RWSP you must propose one or more alternative water supply project options sufficient to address your future water needs as identified in the RWSP.
- 2) A status report of alternative water supply project implementation, including:
  - a) the quantity of water to be produced;
  - b) development of a financial plan;
  - c) facilities master planning; and
  - d) permitting and efforts in coordinating multijurisdictional projects, if applicable.

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As a reminder, annual progress reports from water supply entities regarding the status of project implementation must be submitted to the District by November 15 of each year (subsection 373.709(8)(b), F.S.).

In addition, each local government is required to update its water supply facilities work plan within 18 months after governing board approval of a regional water supply plan pursuant to subsection 163.3177(6)(c)3., F.S. The water supply facilities work plan must cover at least a 10-year planning period and identify alternative and traditional water supply development projects, conservation activities, and reuse activities needed to meet the projected future water demands. For local governments that are wholly or partially in the SWFWMD RWSP Area, work plans must be updated by May 2022.

Please visit <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/resources/plans-reports/rwsp> to access the 2020 RWSP and associated regional plans for information regarding the alternative water supply projects or options. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Joseph Quinn at (352) 796-7211, extension 4421.

Sincerely,



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Bureau Chief  
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cc: Renea Vincent, Planning Director, Pinellas County