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LICENSES: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA since 1983

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Mr. Ammon has over 30 years of water resource planning, design, permitting, and engineering experience in both the private and public sectors in the state of Florida.

From 1976 to 1989, Mr. Ammon was employed by Gee and Jenson where he gained 13 years experience as a private engineering consultant and was Vice President and Regional Manager of the Stuart office for the second largest engineering firm in the State. His experience included working on surface water and environmental permitting issues to satisfy regulatory requirements associated with the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the United States Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, and various local government agencies. His experience included designing surface water management systems, processing Development of Regional Impacts, forming Community Development Districts and negotiating mitigation for environmental impacts. He also served as a Project Manager and Design Engineer for several major projects in the State including Reedy Creek Improvement District, Epcot Center, MCA Universal Studios, Palm Coast, Weston, and Harbourtown Marina.

Mr. Ammon served two years from 1989 to 1991 as Planning Director for a Gary Player signature golf course development in Martin County. His responsibilities included environmental and land use permitting, engineering design, contractor negotiations, and construction inspection/certification.

In April, 1991, Mr. Ammon joined the South Florida Water Management District where he is still employed today. He began as a Senior Engineer in the Planning Department and was originally involved with the Everglades Restoration Project. He was promoted to a Supervising Professional in 1992 serving as a Project Director for the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.

In February of 1995 he was promoted to Deputy Director of Regulation and his responsibilities included oversight of 130 employees responsible for water use, surface water, and environmental permitting for the sixteen county area encompassed by the District.

In October of 1999, Mr. Ammon was promoted to Director of the Water Supply Department. His responsibilities included oversight of 4 Divisions and 145 employees. He was in charge of Regional Water Supply Planning, Consumptive Use Regulation and Rule Development, Water Conservation, Alternative Water Supply Grant Programs, and Regional Hydrologic Modeling. Mr. Ammon was responsible for the completion of the first four Regional Water Supply Plans and establishment of the District's first seven Minimum Flow and Levels for Priority Water Bodies. He also was the principal author of the District's "White Paper" defining the technical process and policy implications of establishing Reservations of Water for the Environment under Federal and State Law.

Mr. Ammon was the Director in charge of the 2000/2001 drought for the District. He was responsible for the day to day allocation of water during the most severe drought to affect the 16 county District. He was also the principle spokesperson for the District to the press and was interviewed with the media more than 80 times including radio, television, and newspaper reporters.

In October of 2003, Mr. Ammon was appointed Director of the Ecosystem Restoration Department. He was responsible for 170 employees and oversight of the planning, design, and implementation of the \$8.7 billion Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program and the Kissimmee River Restoration Program. Mr. Ammon testified before the Senate Natural Resources Committee regarding the development of Minimum Flows and Levels and also was the District representative to the Senate Subcommittee on reservations for the environment convened by Senator Paula Dockery.

In August of 2004, Mr. Ammon was promoted to Assistant Deputy Executive Director and was responsible for the Everglades restoration "Accelerate Program" whose mission is to plan, design, construct, and operate eight major above-ground reservoirs within the next five years at a cost of approximately 1.5 billion dollars.

In June of 2005, Mr. Ammon was promoted to Deputy Executive Director of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP) with oversight of 450 employees. In his present capacity Mr. Ammon is responsible for all land acquisition and management, Regional Hydraulic Modeling , CERP Planning and the District's Acceler8 program within the 16 county area encompassed by the District.

In the Spring of 2008 Mr. Ammon co-authored and published in the Florida Watershed Journal's Inaugural Issue. The title of the paper was: "Modeling of Large-Scale Environmental Projects in the Kissimmee-Lake Okeechobee-Everglades Watershed".