

## **JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

The South Florida Water Management District (“District”), and its stakeholders, collectively referred to hereinafter as the SIGNATORIES, endorse the following Joint Statement of Commitment regarding the Water Conservation Partnership Plan, herein after referred to as the Partnership Plan for the

WHEREAS, clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida’s environment, economy, and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, more than ninety percent of Florida’s drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers, and our quality of life, and the economy depend upon a clean and healthy environment; and,

WHEREAS, Floridians consume more than 7.9 billion gallons per day of fresh water, and the future of Florida depends greatly upon the availability of water; and,

WHEREAS, South Florida residents consume 179 gallons per person, per day – the highest water usage in the state; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, together with local partners, are investing billions of dollars to develop alternative water supplies, clean up stormwater pollution, restore rivers, lakes and springs, upgrade drinking water facilities and improve wastewater treatment; and,

WHEREAS, conservation of water is an important means of achieving economical and efficient utilization of water and ensuring the sustainability of the water resources of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, water conservation can cost as little as 6 cents to 72 cents per 1,000 gallons of water saved, while the cost of constructing alternative water supply facilities can range from \$5 to \$7 per 1,000 gallons of water created; and,

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures rulemaking effort, the District and SIGNATORIES representing a diverse array of regional water users and public interests, are developing a Work Plan to implement various provisions of the District’s Comprehensive Water Conservation Program and any additional programs, policies, and strategies that promote efficient landscape irrigation; and,

THEREFORE, the SIGNATORIES agree that a Partnership Plan should be developed and implemented to allow a multi-faceted approach to water conservation so as to achieve greater water use efficiency in landscape irrigation. Towards implementing the Partnership Plan, the following should be undertaken:

1. Develop and implement uniform public policy statements;
2. Develop and implement public outreach and education campaigns;

3. Conduct studies and research aimed at increasing water use efficiency for landscape irrigation;
4. Implement enforcement and compliance strategies for year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures; and,
5. Provide annual report and evaluation of implementation progress on the Partnership Plan.

It is recognized that the final Partnership Plan, a draft of which is attached hereto, will include more specific detail than the outline above and may deviate from that outline, but will continue to represent the overall intent of the SIGNATORIES to pursue policies and programs that promote efficient landscape irrigation as indicated in this Statement. It is also recognized that not all components of the Partnership Plan will be applicable to all SIGNATORIES. Towards that end, the ongoing collaborative efforts to develop and implement the Partnership Plan should move forward as rapidly as feasible.

This Joint Statement of Commitment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same document. Facsimile signature shall be deemed an equivalent to an original for each and every counterpart.

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