

## Walker, Reagan

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**From:** info@purre.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 8:33 AM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Vote YES on U.S. Sugar Purchase

Dear SFWMD Governing Board:

I am writing as Chairman of the PURRE Water Coalition (People United to Restore our Rivers and Estuaries). Located in Southwest Florida, our mission is to promote programs and policies that will improve water quality in South Florida. Over the last three years, more than 2,000 of our residents have joined our cause.

The decision before you this week, the approval of the purchase agreement with the U.S. Sugar Corporation, represents the greatest opportunity in our history for Everglades restoration. Although it is comprehensive and presents some challenges in our future, it is imperative we say YES to the purchase of U.S. Sugar farmlands and move forward.

In June Gov. Charlie Crist recognized this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to revive the River of Grass and complete the reconnection between Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades. This transaction will provide the greatest opportunity we have to store and treat water that will benefit America's Everglades, Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee River and St. Lucie River estuaries. We have supported this position since the forming of PURRE and ask you today to say YES and truly restore the greater Everglades Ecosystem.

Thank you,  
Michael J. Valiquette, Chairman  
PURRE Water Coalition  
13300-56 So. Cleveland Ave., Suite 256  
Ft. Myers, FL 33907  
239-274-7873  
info@purre.org ... www.purre.org

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**From:** Linda Keene [ahsealinda@live.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 9:05 AM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Help Restore the River of Grass

Linda Keene  
PO Box 61636  
Fort Myers, FL 33906-1636

December 14, 2008

River of Grass Campaign  
FL

Dear River of Grass Campaign:

Dear SFWMD Governing Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for the purchase of the US Sugar lands. I have been affected by the water quality degradation as a result of the polluted from Lake Okeechobee releases from insufficient water storage and treatment. The purchase of these lands represents one of the most significant opportunities to preventing further degradation, as well as for ensuring South Florida's sustainability and quality of life.

Despite the economic downturn, this is the right time to buy these lands because this is a rare opportunity to meet our pressing need for additional water storage and treatment for Everglades restoration and for our growing South Florida population. This is an investment into our own ecological infrastructure that provides a basic necessity, clean freshwater.

Truly the future and wellbeing of Southwest Florida's residents, environment, and long-term economy lies in your hands with this momentous decision. Therefore, I respectfully ask you to approve the acquisition of the US Sugar lands as a critical investment to restoring the Everglades and preserving our sustainability.

Sincerely,

Linda Keene  
239-994-1838

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**From:** Chris Boland [saltwatersports@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 10:06 AM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Help Restore the River of Grass

Chris Boland  
11369 East Tamiami Trail  
Naples, FL 34113-7703

December 14, 2008

River of Grass Campaign  
FL

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Sincerely,

Chris Boland  
239 298 0810

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**From:** Shirley Bohnert [wergypsies@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 10:18 AM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Everglades Agricultural Area

**Dear Mr. Chairman and Governing Board Members:**

On Tuesday, you are scheduled to vote to acquire a vast amount of acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area. This acquisition will significantly improve our chances of restoring the Everglades to its original condition while improving the water quality of Lake Okeechobee, and of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers' estuaries as well. Although we recognize that the proposal before you has challenges, the time for action is now, and the question you face is whether or not to buy land in an area that is critical for Everglades restoration. If the purchase of this land is not approved, there is no assurance we will ever regain this opportunity. We respectfully ask you to support the purchase of this land without additional delay. Thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely, Shirley Bohnert

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**From:** CCHMCH@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 10:51 AM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Vote Yes to US Sugar Purchase

**Dear Mr. Chairman and Governing Board Members:**

On Tuesday, you are scheduled to vote to acquire a vast amount of acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area. This acquisition will significantly improve our chances of restoring the Everglades to its original condition while improving the water quality of Lake Okeechobee, and of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers' estuaries as well. Although we recognize that the proposal before you has challenges, the time for action is now, and the question you face is whether or not to buy land in an area that is critical for Everglades restoration. If the purchase of this land is not approved, there is no assurance we will ever regain this opportunity. We respectfully ask you to support the purchase of this land without additional delay. Thank you for all your hard work.

**Sincerely,**

**Charles Hart  
Sanibel, FL**

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**From:** Bill Moynihan [billmoy1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 10:57 AM  
**To:** Buermann, Eric  
**Cc:** Estenoz, Shannon; Collins, Mike; Dauray, Charles; Huck Jr., Paul; Meeker, Melissa; Montgomery, Jerry; Rooney, Patrick; River of Grass  
**Subject:** U. S. Sugar Purchase

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**William S. Moynihan**  
**Fort Myers, FL**

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**From:** Diane Stocks [dianestocks@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 10:59 AM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Everglades Agricultural Purchase

On Tuesday, please support the purchase of the vast amount of acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area. This acquisition will improve our chances of restoring the Everglades to its original condition, while improving the water quality of Lake Okeechobee and of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers estuaries as well.

If the purchase of this land is not approved, there is no assurance we will ever regain this opportunity.

Thank you.

Diane Stocks  
8751 Lateen Lane #103  
Fort Myers, Florida 33919

(239) 292-7804

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**From:** harris gilbert [hargil@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 11:41 AM  
**To:** Buermann, Eric; Montgomery, Jerry; Estenoz, Shannon; Dauray, Charles; Meeker, Melissa; Rooney, Patrick; Huck Jr., Paul; Collins, Mike  
**Cc:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Purchase of U.S. Sugar Lands

It is our understanding that you are about to vote on the acquisition of the sugar properties in the Everglades Agricultural Area. Because that land is of paramount importance to the overall Everglades restoration, we strongly recommend that you vote for its acquisition at the earliest possible time. Your favorable consideration of our request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Harris and Sondra Gilbert  
1032 Lindgren Blvd  
Sanibel, FL 33957

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**From:** Carl Veaux [cveaux@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 11:52 AM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Help Restore the River of Grass

Carl Veaux  
3705 SE 3 rd Place  
Cape Coral, FL 33904-4853

December 14, 2008

River of Grass Campaign  
FL

Dear River of Grass Campaign:

Dear SFWMD Governing Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for the purchase of the US Sugar lands. I have been affected by the water quality degradation as a result of the polluted from Lake Okeechobee releases from insufficient water storage and treatment. The purchase of these lands represents one of the most significant opportunities to preventing further degradation, as well as for ensuring South Florida's sustainability and quality of life.

Despite the economic downturn, this is the right time to buy these lands because this is a rare opportunity to meet our pressing need for additional water storage and treatment for Everglades restoration and for our growing South Florida population. This is an investment into our own ecological infrastructure that provides a basic necessity, clean freshwater.

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Sincerely,

Carl Veaux  
239-549-7265

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**From:** Nancy [nancyhand@metrocast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 12:02 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** \*\*SPAM-->Purchase agreement with the U.S. Sugar Corporation

**Attachments:** Purchase agreement with the U.S. Sugar Corporation



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Nancy Hand nancyhand@metrocast.net C33 Pointe Santo de Sanibel 2445 West Gulf Drive Sanibel, FL 33957 [...]

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4.1	FORGED_MUA_OUTLOOK	Forged mail pretending to be from MS Outlook

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**From:** Bob and Anita [smiths194@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 12:10 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** US Sugar Property Purchase

PLEASE SEE THAT THE US SUGAR PROPERTY IS PURCHASED.

My wife and I are among many ordinary Florida citizens who believe the Tuesday vote to acquire a vast amount of acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area is one of the most important step since the desecration of The Everglades early in the 1900's. We believe this is such an important step that the future of SW Florida's tourist economy is at risk if the purchase is no successful

This acquisition will significantly improve our chances of restoring the Everglades to its original condition while improving the water quality of Lake Okeechobee , and of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers and estuaries as well. It will help assure the SW coast of Floria can regain its choice of other Americans as a good place to vacation. I recognize that the proposal before will require political courage but our trust is in you.

If the purchase of this land is not approved, there is no assurance we will ever regain this opportunity. We respectfully ask you to support the purchase of this land without additional delay. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Anita Smith  
Sanibel Florida  
Members of PURE

**Walker, Reagan**

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**From:** Charles Ritchie [ritchipop@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 12:30 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Fwd: Everglades/USSUGAR lands purchase

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Charles Ritchie <ritchie1@adelphia.net>  
**Date:** December 14, 2008 12:28:44 PM EST  
**To:** sestenez@sfwmd.gov, cdauray@sfwmd.gov, mmeeker@sfwmd.gov, prooney@sfwmd.gov, phuck@sfwmd.gov, jmontgom@sfwmd.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Everglades/USSUGAR lands purchase

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Charles Ritchie <ritchie1@adelphia.net>  
**Date:** December 14, 2008 12:15:20 PM EST  
**To:** ebuermann@sfwmd.gov  
**Subject:** Everglades/USSUGAR lands purchase

Dear Sir,

Please do not lose this opportunity to make the essential step forward in addressing the water pollution problem for all of central and south Florida and the critical Everglades situation.

We who care so much appreciate your work and give full support to aggressive action to improve the shameful pollution of our waters. Nothing is more valuable to us than good water!

Mary Anne and Charlie Ritchie  
2321 W Gulf Drive 1E  
Sanibel FL 33957

**Walker, Reagan**

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**From:** Michael Baldwin [drMikeb@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 2:14 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Purchase of Land in the Everglades Agricultural Area

To: Members of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District

As you are aware, Sanibel Island has historically been recognized as one of our finest national examples of how man and nature can live harmoniously together with minimal human impact on a natural, unspoiled environment. Its beaches, extensive protected wildlife habitats, location as a prime resting place for migratory birds and carefully managed commercial development have made it a showcase for ecological harmony. Thanks to the past decisions and actions of the Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District that harmony has been eroded and is in the process of being destroyed.

We have owned property on Sanibel Island for 21 years and have been year-round residents of the island for the past eleven. In that time we have seen the water in San Carlos Bay and on the Gulf shore of Sanibel go from an appealing almost year-round crystal-clear turquoise color to what, in the Summer and Fall, is now all too often a dark brown. The corresponding decrease in salinity which, along with the color change, results from the routine discharge of large quantities of contaminated fresh water from Lake Okeechobee through the Caloosahatchee River, is causing significant, unacceptable and damaging changes in the aquatic ecology of the region.

For many years the level of Lake Okeechobee was controlled with no or minimal fresh water discharges down the Caloosahatchee. We find the current practice of discharges totally unacceptable. On Tuesday, you are scheduled to vote to purchase very significant acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area. This acquisition will significantly improve our chances of not only restoring the Everglades to its original condition but also of improving the water quality of Lake Okeechobee, of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers' estuaries and, as a result, of the waters surrounding Sanibel Island. If the purchase of this land is not approved, there is no assurance the opportunity will ever be regained. We sincerely ask for your immediate support for the acquisition of this land.

Michael J. Baldwin, PhD; Theresa T. Baldwin, EdD

**Walker, Reagan**

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**From:** Hetmanek [hetmanek@hetmanek.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 2:19 PM

**To:** Buermann, Eric; Estenoz, Shannon; Collins, Mike; Dauray, Charles; Huck Jr., Paul; Meeker, Melissa; Montgomery, Jerry; Rooney, Patrick

**Cc:** River of Grass; PURRE Water Coalition

Dear Mr. Chairman and Board Members:

Please vote on Tuesday to approve the acquisition of acreage in the Everglades Agricultural Area. It will significantly improve our chances of rejuvenating the Everglades. It will also be beneficial to the water quality of Lake Okeechobee, as well as, the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers estuaries. The time for action is now! The question you face is whether or not to buy land in an area that is critical for Everglades restoration. If the purchase of this land is not approved, we may never regain this opportunity. We respectfully ask you to support the purchase of this land without additional delay. Thank you for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

James Hetmanek

**James Hetmanek, Broker Associate, GRI, CRS**

**Penny Hetmanek, Realtor, ABR, SCIS**

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**From:** mharrity@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 3:37 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** U.S.Sugar land purchase

As a resident, business owner, and City Council member, I support the acquisition of the U.S. Sugar lands. Any opportunity we get to restore our environment should not be passed over. The time and opportunity is now. Please vote YES to acquire these lands.

Marty Harrity  
Sanibel City Council

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**From:** Judith Tryka [judithtryka@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 4:29 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Help Restore the River of Grass

Judith Tryka  
350 Robin Hood Circle #102  
Naples, FL 34104-9522

December 14, 2008

River of Grass Campaign  
FL

Dear River of Grass Campaign:

Dear SFWMD Governing Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Judith Tryka  
239 384 9224

**Widness, Cathy**

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**From:** Susan Calkins [calkritas@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 5:45 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Help Restore the River of Grass

Susan Calkins  
740 High Pines Dr.  
Naples, FL 34103-2819

December 14, 2008

River of Grass Campaign  
FL

Dear River of Grass Campaign:

Dear SFWMD Governing Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for the purchase of the US Sugar lands. . The purchase of these lands represents one of the most important opportunities to come before us! .

This IS the right time to buy these lands because this is a rare opportunity to meet our pressing need for additional water storage and treatment for Everglades restoration and for our growing South Florida population. The future and wellbeing of Southwest Florida's residents, environment, and long-term economy lies in your hands with this momentous decision. Therefore, I respectfully ask you to approve the acquisition of the US Sugar lands as a critical investment to restoring the Everglades and preserving our sustainability.

Sincerely,

Susan Calkins  
239-434-8095

**Widness, Cathy**

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**From:** mvaliquette@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 5:27 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** US Sugar deal

**Dear SFWMD Governing Board:**

I am writing as Chairman of the PURRE Water Coalition (People United to Restore our Rivers and Estuaries). Located in Southwest Florida, our mission is to promote programs and policies that will improve water quality in South Florida. Over the last three years, more than 2,000 of our residents have joined our cause.

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Ft. Myers, FL 33907  
239-274-7873  
info@purre.org  
www.purre.org

**Witness, Cathy**

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**From:** Sandy Teger [sandy@bb-home.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 11:54 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Cc:** dave@bb-home.com; rentals@sanibeldreams.com  
**Subject:** vote yes--Improved water quality is directly correlated with and critical to the economic future of this region

Dear Mr. Chairman and Governing Board Members:

I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of the acquisition of land in the Everglades Agricultural area. Although the proposed deal has some significant room for improvement, we cannot afford to let this opportunity pass without action. The acquisition will significantly improve our chances of restoring the Everglades to its original condition while improving the water quality of Lake Okeechobee, and of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers' estuaries as well. Improved water quality is directly correlated with and critical to the economic future of this region. We must improve the water quality as fast as possible. Algae blooms like the ones we had a couple of years ago are devastating to the future of tourism and all the economic benefits that accrue from it. As the owner of a gulf front condominium, I understand the direct economic consequences.

Although I recognize that the proposal before you has challenges, the time for action is now, and the question you face is whether or not to buy land in an area that is critical for Everglades restoration. If the purchase of this land is not approved, there is no assurance we will ever regain this opportunity. I respectfully ask you to support the purchase of this land.

If possible, I would like to see some improvements to the deal, particularly in the area of the price for leasing back the lands and the conditions for environmental improvements. However, we cannot sacrifice the good for the sake of the perfect.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Teger  
2445 West Gulf Drive, E2  
Sanibel, Fl 33957

**Widness, Cathy**

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**From:** Dulcie Neiman Musial [dulcie1@embarqmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2008 7:30 PM  
**To:** River of Grass  
**Subject:** Help Restore the River of Grass

**Dulcie Neiman Musial  
1113 Frank Whiteman Blvd.  
Naples, FL 34103-3871**

**December 14, 2008**

**River of Grass Campaign  
FL**

**Dear River of Grass Campaign:**

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**Sincerely,**

**Dulcie Neiman Musial  
2339-262-8075**