

Ken Doherty, Chairman  
Charlotte County Commission

Hon Michael Babb, Chairman  
Southwest Florida Water Management District

June \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

Re: Punta Gorda Reverse Osmosis Project and Phase I Pipeline

Dear Chairman Babb:

It is our understanding that the City of Punta Gorda is currently requesting that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) provide funding for development of a Reverse Osmosis ("R.O.") facility. Charlotte County supports the City's R.O. Project.

It is also our understanding that the SWFWMD Southern Region Board recommended approval of the City's funding request for this Project contingent upon Charlotte County expressing support for the Phase I Interconnect Pipeline. During a regular meeting of the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners on June 10, 2014 we addressed this matter pursuant to a separate Agenda Item scheduled for this purpose. We adopted a motion stating that Charlotte County supports the City's R.O. Project and corresponding funding request and the Phase I Pipeline.

As you can understand, the limited time prior to your meeting of the full SWFWMD Board on June 24, 2014 has not been sufficient to address all details associated with the Phase I Pipeline. For example, Charlotte County has not reached any conclusions regarding the nature or extent of funding commitments, if any, by Charlotte County or others. We do point out, however, that Punta Gorda has offered to provide some funding for the Phase I Interconnect. Accordingly, the Commission's vote to support the Phase I Interconnect should not be seen as a commitment to funding at this time.

We respectfully request that the Southwest Florida Water Management District approve the request by the City of Punta Gorda.

Thank you.

Ken Doherty  
Chairman