



May 16, 2023

Kim Cramer, Policy Coordinator
Governor's Office of Policy and Budget
Environmental Unit
400 S Monroe St
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority - *Peace River Regional Reservoir No. 3 (PR3) Project – Letter of Support*

Dear Ms. Cramer:

On behalf of the Charlotte County Commission, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Peace River Regional Reservoir No. 3 (PR3) Final Design and Construction Project currently included in SB 2500, line 1705A, in the amount of \$10,000,000.

The PR3 Project provides reliable water supply infrastructure to the region to meet future potable water supply demands for economic development and public health and safety. In addition, the project enhances regional water supply resiliency to disasters such as drought, floods, hurricanes, and climate change. The PR3 Project components include a new intake and pump station to withdraw raw water from the Peace River and conveyance pipelines to the existing treatment facility and a new 9 billion-gallon above-ground reservoir. The Project is part of the Authority's regional plan for a fully interconnected potable water transmission system served by Alternative Water Supply (AWS) sources and supports the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Regional Priorities and Objectives.

The Charlotte County Commission appreciates your time and consideration of this important water supply project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William G. Truex".

William G. Truex, Chairman
Charlotte County Board of
County Commissioners

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