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Mr. Derrill McAteer, Chairman
Southwest Florida Water Management District
P.O. Box 457
Brooksville, Florida 33612

Dear Mr. McAteer,

Since my arrival in this area, I have had the opportunity to observe the activities of various local industries and government agencies as they relate to the environment. Since water is critical to the total environment of any region, the careful, proper management of this resource should be the goal of any agency charged with water management responsibilities. So far, your agency has demonstrated by its actions why there is a high degree of public confidence placed in the management of the regions water resources by Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Part of this confidence is due to the expertise of the biologists and hydrologists on your staff. The environmental planning that has entered into your projects and decisions is one reason why very few public complaints are heard.

It has been disturbing to read in the newspapers that a possible negative attitude toward environmental planning has been aired by certain Southwest Florida Water Management District staff and board members. I sincerely hope that these attitudes will pass when the positive benefits that environmental planning has had on the water resources of the area are thoroughly considered.

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Sincerely,

Frank Dunstan
Warden-Biologist