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Mr. Jeff Shrum, AICP
Development Services Director
City of Venice
Development Services Department
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285-2006

Subject: **Venice 19-1ESR**

Dear Mr. Shrum:

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) has reviewed the proposed amendment package which includes a map amendment identified by the City as Rustic Road Property. We offer the following technical assistance comments for consideration.

Regional Water Supply

1. The amendment should be supported by data and analysis demonstrating the availability of adequate potable water capacity to meet the additional demand due to the land use change (see bullet item 4 under Section B on page 4 of DEO's publication entitled *A Guide To The Data And Analysis To Support Comprehensive Plan Amendments*). A copy of the Guide is available at the following link:

<http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/programs/technical-assistance/planning-initiatives/natural-resource-planning/water-supply-planning>

2. Considering the site is located within the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) and would allow additional residential development, the use of water conservation and reclaimed water (when available) should be maximized. Both are key components of the District's Recovery Strategy for WUCAs, the purpose of which is to address regional water resource issues. Potential water conservation measures include, but are not limited to, Florida Water Star SM, Florida-Friendly Landscaping TM and distribution of water conservation literature to residents. Additional information on these programs is available at the following links:

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/residents/water-conservation/florida-water-starsm>

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/residents/florida-friendly-landscaping/florida-friendly-landscapingtm>

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/resources/free-publications>

Floodplains and Floodprone Areas

3. No comments.

Wetlands and Other Surface Waters

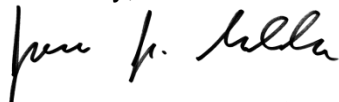
4. Based on review of National Wetland Inventory data, there are isolated wetlands scattered throughout the site. Encroachments should be avoided or minimized. According to a Petition for Formal Determination of Wetlands and Other Surface Waters issued by the District in November of 2018 (No. 761125/42043783.000), the site contains 45.92 acres of wetlands and other surface waters.

The following comments address regulatory matters:

- According to District records, there are existing domestic and irrigation wells on the site. If these wells are no longer proposed for use, they would need to be properly abandoned in accordance with the requirements of Rule 40D-3.531, F.A.C. For assistance or additional information, please contact Dave Arnold, well construction manager in the District's Tampa office, at (813) 985-7481, ext. 4439, or davidn.arnold@watermatters.org.
- A preapplication meeting with District Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) staff is encouraged prior to any site work. For assistance or additional information concerning the District's ERP program, please contact Dave Kramer, ERP evaluation manager in the District's Tampa office, at (813) 985-7481, extension. 2009, or dave.kramer@watermatters.org.

We appreciate this opportunity to participate in the review process. Please provide the District with a copy of the adopted amendment, including any supporting data and analysis. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (352) 796-7211, ext. 4790, or james.golden@watermatters.org.

Sincerely,



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