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Executive Director

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Subject: Southwest Florida Water Management District 2023 Consolidated Annual Report

Dear: Governor DeSantis:

Pursuant to Section 373.036(7), Florida Statutes, the water management districts are to prepare and submit a consolidated annual report on the management of water resources by March 1 of each year.

On February 28, the District Governing Board approved the 2023 Consolidated Annual Report for the Southwest Florida Water Management District that includes the following:

- ▶ Water Management District Performance Measures Annual Report
- ▶ Minimum Flows and Levels Annual Priority List and Schedule
- ▶ Minimum Flows and Levels/Water Quality Grade for Projects
- ▶ Annual Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan
- ▶ Alternative Water Supplies Annual Report
- ▶ Annual Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program
- ▶ Polk Regional Water Cooperative Status Report
- ▶ Annual Florida Forever Work Plan
- ▶ Mitigation Donation Annual Report
- ▶ Strategic Plan and the Strategic Plan Annual Work Plan Report

A copy of this report is attached. As required by statute, this report is also being sent to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, certain legislative committee chairs, the Secretary of the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Boards of County Commissioners in the District's 16-county region. Should you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Brian Armstrong at 352-796-7211.

Sincerely,

Ed Armstrong

Enclosure

cc: Brian Armstrong, Executive Director
Shawn Hamilton, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
Edward C. Smith, Director, Department of Environmental Protection
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Sen. Jason Brodeur, Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Gov
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