



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT NO. 47-01213-P
DATE ISSUED: June 21, 2016**

PERMITTEE: OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
304 N W 2ND STREET
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction and operation of a 0.18-acre project known as Okeechobee County-Lock 7 Bypass Culvert System.

PROJECT LOCATION: OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, SEC 4 TWP 38S RGE 35E

PERMIT DURATION: See Special Condition No:1.

This is to notify you of the District's agency action for Permit Application No. 151102-1, dated November 2, 2015. This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 373, Part IV, Florida Statutes (F.S).

Based on the information provided, District rules have been adhered to and an Environmental Resource Permit is in effect for this project subject to:

1. Not receiving a filed request for a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.
2. the attached 18 General Conditions (See Pages : 2 - 4 of 6),
3. the attached 10 Special Conditions (See Pages : 5 - 6 of 6) and
4. the attached 2.5 Exhibit(s)

Should you object to these conditions, please refer to the attached "Notice of Rights" which addresses the procedures to be followed if you desire a public hearing or other review of the proposed agency action. Please contact this office if you have any questions concerning this matter. If we do not hear from you in accordance with the "Notice of Rights," we will assume that you concur with the District's action.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT this written notice has been mailed or electronically transmitted to the Permittee (and the persons listed in the attached distribution list) this 21st day of June, 2016, in accordance with Section 120.60(3), F.S. Notice was also electronically posted on this date through a link on the home page of the District's website (<http://my.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting>).

BY: _____
Ricardo A. Valera, P.E.
Bureau Chief - Environmental Resource
Okeechobee Service Center

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. All activities shall be implemented following the plans, specifications and performance criteria approved by this permit. Any deviations must be authorized in a permit modification in accordance with Rule 62-330.315, F.A.C. Any deviations that are not so authorized shall subject the permittee to enforcement action and revocation of the permit under Chapter 373, F.S.
2. A complete copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity during the construction phase, and shall be available for review at the work site upon request by the Agency staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to beginning construction.
3. Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards. Performance-based erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed immediately prior to, and be maintained during and after construction as needed, to prevent adverse impacts to the water resources and adjacent lands. Such practices shall be in accordance with the "State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual" (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007), and the "Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual" (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved or other water quality control measures are required as part of the permit.
4. At least 48 hours prior to beginning the authorized activities, the permittee shall submit to the Agency a fully executed Form 62-330.350(1), "Construction Commencement Notice" indicating the expected start and completion dates. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this notification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
5. Unless the permit is transferred under Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C., or transferred to an operating entity under Rule 62-330.310, F.A.C., the permittee is liable to comply with the plans, terms and conditions of the permit for the life of the project or activity.
6. Within 30 days after completing construction of the entire project, or any independent portion of the project, the permittee shall provide the following to the Agency, as applicable:
 - a. For an individual, private single-family residential dwelling unit, duplex, triplex, or quadruplex- "Construction Completion and Inspection Certification for Activities Associated With a Private Single-Family Dwelling Unit"[Form 62-330.310(3)]; or
 - b. For all other activities- "As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operational Phase" [Form 62-330.310(1)].
 - c. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this certification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
7. If the final operation and maintenance entity is a third party:
 - a. Prior to sales of any lot or unit served by the activity and within one year of permit issuance, or within 30 days of as- built certification, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit, as applicable, a copy of the operation and maintenance documents (see sections 12.3 thru 12.3.3 of Applicant's Handbook Volume I) as filed with the Department of State, Division of Corporations and a copy of any easement, plat, or deed restriction needed to operate or maintain the project, as recorded with the Clerk of the Court in the County in which the activity is located.
 - b. Within 30 days of submittal of the as- built certification, the permittee shall submit "Request for Transfer of Environmental Resource Permit to the Perpetual Operation Entity" [Form 62-330.310(2)] to transfer the permit to the operation and maintenance entity, along with the documentation requested in the form. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this transfer requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
8. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing of changes required by any other regulatory agency that

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require changes to the permitted activity, and any required modification of this permit must be obtained prior to implementing the changes.

9. This permit does not:
 - a. Convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges, or any other rights or privileges other than those specified herein or in Chapter 62-330, F.A.C.;
 - b. Convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any interest in real property;
 - c. Relieve the permittee from the need to obtain and comply with any other required federal, state, and local authorization, law, rule, or ordinance; or
 - d. Authorize any entrance upon or work on property that is not owned, held in easement, or controlled by the permittee.
10. Prior to conducting any activities on state-owned submerged lands or other lands of the state, title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the permittee must receive all necessary approvals and authorizations under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S. Written authorization that requires formal execution by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall not be considered received until it has been fully executed.
11. The permittee shall hold and save the Agency harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities that may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any project authorized by the permit.
12. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing:
 - a. Immediately if any previously submitted information is discovered to be inaccurate; and
 - b. Within 30 days of any conveyance or division of ownership or control of the property or the system, other than conveyance via a long-term lease, and the new owner shall request transfer of the permit in accordance with Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C. This does not apply to the sale of lots or units in residential or commercial subdivisions or condominiums where the stormwater management system has been completed and converted to the operation phase.
13. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, Agency staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the project or activities to ensure conformity with the plans and specifications authorized in the permit.
14. If any prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, work involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries shall cease. The permittee or other designee shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section, at (850) 245-6333 or (800) 847-7278, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Such subsurface work shall not resume without verbal or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately and notification shall be provided in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S.
15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Rule 62-330.201, F.A.C., provides otherwise.
16. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all components of the stormwater management system to remove trapped sediments and debris. Removed materials shall be disposed of in a landfill or other

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uplands in a manner that does not require a permit under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., or cause violations of state water quality standards.

17. This permit is issued based on the applicant's submitted information that reasonably demonstrates that adverse water resource-related impacts will not be caused by the completed permit activity. If any adverse impacts result, the Agency will require the permittee to eliminate the cause, obtain any necessary permit modification, and take any necessary corrective actions to resolve the adverse impacts.
18. A Recorded Notice of Environmental Resource Permit may be recorded in the county public records in accordance with Rule 62-330.090(7), F.A.C. Such notice is not an encumbrance upon the property.

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1. The construction phase of this permit shall expire on May 31, 2017.
2. Operation and maintenance of the stormwater management system shall be the responsibility of Okeechobee County.
3. Discharge Facilities:

311 LF of 60" dia. STEEL PIPE culvert.
Receiving body : Rim Canal

4. A stable, permanent and accessible elevation reference shall be established on or within one hundred (100) feet of all permitted discharge structures no later than the submission of the certification report. The location of the elevation reference must be noted on or with the certification report.
5. Prior to initiating construction activities associated with this Environmental Resource Permit (ERP), the permittee is required to hold a pre-construction meeting with field representatives, consultants, contractors, District Environmental Resource Compliance (ERC) staff, and any other local government entities as necessary.

The purpose of the pre-construction meeting is to discuss construction methods, sequencing, best management practices, identify work areas, staking and roping of preserves where applicable, and to facilitate coordination and assistance amongst relevant parties.

To schedule a pre-construction meeting, please contact ERC staff from the Okeechobee Service Center at (863) 462-5260 or via e-mail at: pre-con@sfwmd.gov. When sending a request for a pre-construction meeting, please include the application number, permit number, and contact name and phone number.

6. Silt screens, hay or synthetic bales, turbidity screens/barriers or other such sediment control measures shall be utilized during construction. The selected sediment control measures shall be installed prior to the commencement of construction in or adjacent to other surface waters in accordance with Exhibit No.2.2 and shall remain in place until all adjacent construction is completed. All areas shall be stabilized and vegetated immediately after construction to prevent erosion into the surface waters.
7. No construction dewatering is proposed. However, if in the future, the permittee determines that dewatering is required, an application for dewatering authorization must be submitted to the District and approved prior to the dewatering being conducted.
8. Manatee exclusion devices (such as grating or valves) shall be installed and maintained over any existing or proposed pipes or culverts greater than 8 inches, but smaller than 8 feet in diameter that are submerged or partially submerged and reasonably accessible to manatees, in accordance with Exhibit No. 2.1. If horizontal or vertical bars are used, no more than 8 inch gaps on center shall be allowed. Grates or valves shall be in place at the accessible end(s) during all phases of the construction process and as a final design element to restrict manatee access.
9. The permittee shall comply with the following conditions intended to protect manatees and marine turtles from direct project effects:
 - a. All personnel associated with the project shall be instructed about the presence of marine turtles, manatees and manatee speed zones, and the need to avoid collisions with and injuries to manatees. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming,

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harassing, or killing manatees which are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act.

b. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the immediate area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will follow routes of deep water whenever possible.

c. Siltation or turbidity barriers shall be made of material in which manatees and marine turtles cannot become entangled, shall be properly secured, and shall be regularly monitored to avoid manatee and marine turtle entanglement or entrapment. Barriers must not impede manatee movement.

d. All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of marine turtles and manatee(s). All in-water operations, including vessels, must be shutdown if a marine turtle or manatee(s) comes within 50 feet of the operation. Activities will not resume until the animal(s) have moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the animal(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving.

e. Any collision with or injury to a marine turtle or manatee shall be reported immediately to the FWC Hotline at 1-888-404-3922. Collision and/or injury should also be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Jacksonville (1-904-731-3336) for north Florida or Vero Beach (1-772-562-3909) for south Florida, and to FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com.

f. Temporary signs concerning manatees shall be posted prior to and during all in-water project activities. All signs are to be removed by the permittee upon completion of the project. Awareness signs that have already been approved for this use by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) must be used. One sign measuring at least 3 ft. by 4 ft. which reads Caution: Manatee Area must be posted. A second sign measuring at least 8 1/2" by 11" explaining the requirements for "Idle Speed/No Wake" and the shut down of in-water operations must be posted in a location prominently visible to all personnel engaged in water-related activities. These signs can be viewed at MyFWC.com/manatee. Questions concerning these signs can be sent to FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com.

10. The following are exhibits to this permit. Exhibits noted as incorporated by reference are available on the District's ePermitting website (<http://my.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting>) under this application number.
- Exhibit No. 1 Location Map
 - Exhibit No. 2.1 Lock Seven Bypass Culvert System Plan View, Page 1 of 1
 - Exhibit No. 2.2 Construction Plans, Pages 1 - 13, Incorporated by Reference
 - Exhibit No. 2.3 Application Narrative, Pages 1-17, Incorporated by Reference
 - Exhibit No. 2.4 HEC-RAS Analysis, Existing Conveyance, Pages 1-18, Incorporated by Reference
 - Exhibit No. 2.5 HEC-RAS Analysis, Proposed Conveyance, Pages 1-32, Incorporated by Reference

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

As required by Sections 120.569 and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., the following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all of the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult an attorney regarding your legal rights.

RIGHT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a SFWMD decision which affects or may affect their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD, in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein, within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: (1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or (2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Section 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of written notice through mail, electronic mail, or posting that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

If the District takes final agency action which materially differs from the noticed intended agency decision, persons who may be substantially affected shall, unless otherwise provided by law, have an additional Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, point of entry.

Any person to whom an emergency order is directed pursuant to Section 373.119(2), Fla. Stat., shall comply therewith immediately, but on petition to the board shall be afforded a hearing as soon as possible.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for an extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

A petition for administrative hearing must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the Office of the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery, or e-mail. Filings by facsimile will not be accepted. A petition for administrative hearing or other document is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the Office of the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. The District's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Any document received by the Office of the District Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the District Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.

- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the District Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. It will be necessary to request that the SFWMD's security officer contact the Office of the District Clerk. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by e-mail must be transmitted to the Office of the District Clerk at clerk@sfwmd.gov. The filing date for a document transmitted by electronic mail shall be the date the Office of the District Clerk receives the complete document. A party who files a document by e-mail shall (1) represent that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of the proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause and that the party shall produce it upon the request of other parties; and (2) be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed.

INITIATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Pursuant to Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, SFWMD file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

MEDIATION

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401–.405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat., and in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed, and by filing a copy of the notice with the clerk of the appropriate district court of appeal.

Last Date For Agency Action: June 21, 2016

INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT STAFF REPORT

Project Name: Okeechobee County - Lock 7 Bypass Culvert System

Permit No.: 47-01213-P

Application No.: 151102-1

Application Type: Environmental Resource (New Construction/Operation)

Location: Okeechobee County, S4/T38S/R35E

Permittee : Okeechobee County

Operating Entity : Okeechobee County

Project Area: 0.18 acres

Permit Area: 0.18 acres

Project Land Use: Institutional

Drainage Basin: S-133

Receiving Body: LD-4

Class: CLASS III

Special Drainage District: NA

Conservation Easement To District : No

Sovereign Submerged Lands: No

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This Environmental Resource Permit authorizes construction and operation of a stormwater management system serving 0.18 acres for a project known as Okeechobee County-Lock 7 Bypass Culvert System.

The proposed work consists of the construction and operation of a 60-inch diameter bypass culvert system within the Rim Canal around the Lock 7 Bridge. Please refer to Exhibit 2.1 for a Plan View of the proposed project. As further described in Exhibit 2.3, the intent of the culvert system is to improve conveyance of the Rim Canal by lowering headloss upstream of the bridge. The conveyance improvements are intended to result in increased flood protection within an area of Okeechobee County known as the Southwest Corridor. No additional discharges are being introduced to the Rim Canal from the tributary areas.

This permit is issued pursuant to the water quality net improvement provisions of Chapter 62-330.062 Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); therefore, the state water quality certification is waived.

PROJECT EVALUATION:**PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The site is located within South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD's) S-133 Basin, in Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. The site is located southwest of the intersection of U S Highway 441 and State Road 78. Refer to Exhibit 1 for a location map.

There are no permitted water management facilities within the project area. The site contains a bridge with a bottom of width of 19 feet, aligned at a skewed angle to the SFWMD LD-4 Canal (aka Rim Canal).

There are no wetlands located within the project area or affected by this project; however, in-water work will occur in an other surface water (SFWMD LD-4 Canal). Please refer to the Wetlands and Surface Waters section of this staff report for details.

WATER QUANTITY :**Discharge Rate :**

As discussed and presented in Exhibit 2.3 (Incorporated by Reference), specifically Section 4.2 and Table 2, no increase in discharge is anticipated as a result of the proposed activities in comparison to the existing system. Given an allowable flow of 350 cfs within the Rim Canal upstream of the existing bridge location, the proposed 60-inch diameter culvert should convey 132.4 cfs with a headloss of 1.5 ft.

WATER QUALITY :

To ensure that proposed construction activities do not degrade adjacent wetlands and surface waters, the applicant will install and maintain temporary silt fences, turbidity barriers, and/or other erosion control measures around the limits of construction as stipulated in the special conditions of this permit. The temporary erosion control barriers will be installed prior to and will be removed upon completion of construction activities.

No adverse water quality impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

WETLANDS:**Wetlands And Other Surface Waters:**

The project area contains surface waters totaling 0.05 acres. Please see Exhibit 2.1, Sheets C-01 and C-02 for the location.

A minor fill impact (0.05 acres) will occur within the SFWMD LD-4 Canal during construction of the concrete headwalls for the two new culverts associated with the proposed Lock 7 by-pass culvert system. Additionally, the bank slope will be backfilled with rip-rap. No secondary impacts will occur. Due to the de minimus nature of the impact to surface waters, no compensatory mitigation is required.

Fish And Wildlife Issues:

The surface waters to be impacted provide minimal habitat for wetland-dependent species. No aquatic or wetland-dependent listed species or species having special protection were observed to be using the uplands within the project for nesting or denning.

Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) use of the Rim Canal is documented by aerial survey,

mortality and satellite telemetry data. Correspondence from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recommends the Standard Manatee Construction Conditions for In-Water Work be followed and manatee exclusion devices (such as grating) be installed and maintained over the proposed culverts. Special conditions are included to address these recommendations.

This permit does not relieve the applicant from complying with all applicable rules and any other agencies' requirements if, in the future, endangered/threatened species or species of special concern are discovered on the site.

LEGAL ISSUES:

The proposed project will traverse two properties as presented in Section 4.0 and Figure 11, Exhibit 2.3 (Incorporated by Reference). The upstream property was privately owned, but has been acquired by Okeechobee County.

FDOT Utility Permit No. 2016-H-191-8 was issued for the downstream portion of the proposed work located on state (TIITF) land [PIN: 1-04-38-35-0A00-00025-0000 TIITF IMP (008700)].

CERTIFICATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE:

Pursuant to Chapter 62-330.310 Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Individual Permits will not be converted from the construction phase to the operation phase until construction completion certification of the project is submitted to and accepted by the District. This includes compliance with all permit conditions, except for any long term maintenance and monitoring requirements. It is suggested that the permittee retain the services of an appropriate professional registered in the State of Florida for periodic observation of construction of the project.

For projects permitted with an operating entity that is different from the permittee, it should be noted that until the construction completion certification is accepted by the District and the permit is transferred to an acceptable operating entity pursuant to Sections 12.1-12.3 of the Applicant's Handbook Volume I and Section 62-330.310, F.A.C., the permittee is liable for operation and maintenance in compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

In accordance with Section 373.416(2), F.S., unless revoked or abandoned, all stormwater management systems and works permitted under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., must be operated and maintained in perpetuity.

The efficiency of stormwater management systems, dams, impoundments, and most other project components will decrease over time without periodic maintenance. The operation and maintenance entity must perform periodic inspections to identify if there are any deficiencies in structural integrity, degradation due to insufficient maintenance, or improper operation of projects that may endanger public health, safety, or welfare, or the water resources. If deficiencies are found, the operation and maintenance entity will be responsible for correcting the deficiencies in a timely manner to prevent compromises to flood protection and water quality. See Section 12.4 of Applicant's Handbook Volume I for Minimum Operation and Maintenance Standards.

RELATED CONCERNS:**Water Use Permit Status:**

The applicant has indicated that irrigation water is not required for this project.

No construction dewatering is proposed. However, if in the future, the permittee determines that dewatering is required an application for dewatering authorization must be submitted to the District and approved prior to dewatering being conducted.

This permit does not release the permittee from obtaining all necessary Water Use authorization(s) prior to the commencement of activities which will require such authorization, including construction dewatering and irrigation.

CERP:

The proposed project is located within or adjacent to the boundary of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed (LOW), Lake Okeechobee Aquifer Storage and Recovery component of CERP. Regulation Division staff has coordinated review of this project with the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Region Project Manager, who has determined that the application is not incompatible with future restoration goals for this CERP project as currently envisioned.

Right-Of-Way Permit Status:

A District Right-of-Way Permit is required for this project. Permit No. 14583 was issued pursuant to Application No. 15-1109-5.

Historical/Archeological Resources:

The District has received correspondence from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources indicating that no significant archaeological or historical resources are recorded in the project area and the project is therefore unlikely to have an effect upon any such properties.

DEO/CZM Consistency Review:

The issuance of this permit constitutes a finding of consistency with the Florida Coastal Management Program.

Third Party Interest:

No third party has contacted the District with concerns about this application.

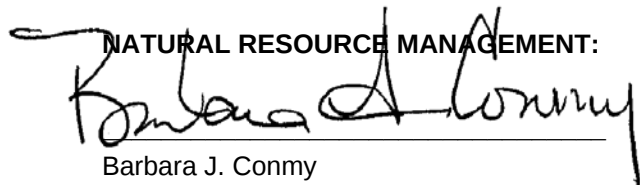
Enforcement:

There has been no enforcement activity associated with this application.

STAFF REVIEW:

DIVISION APPROVAL:

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

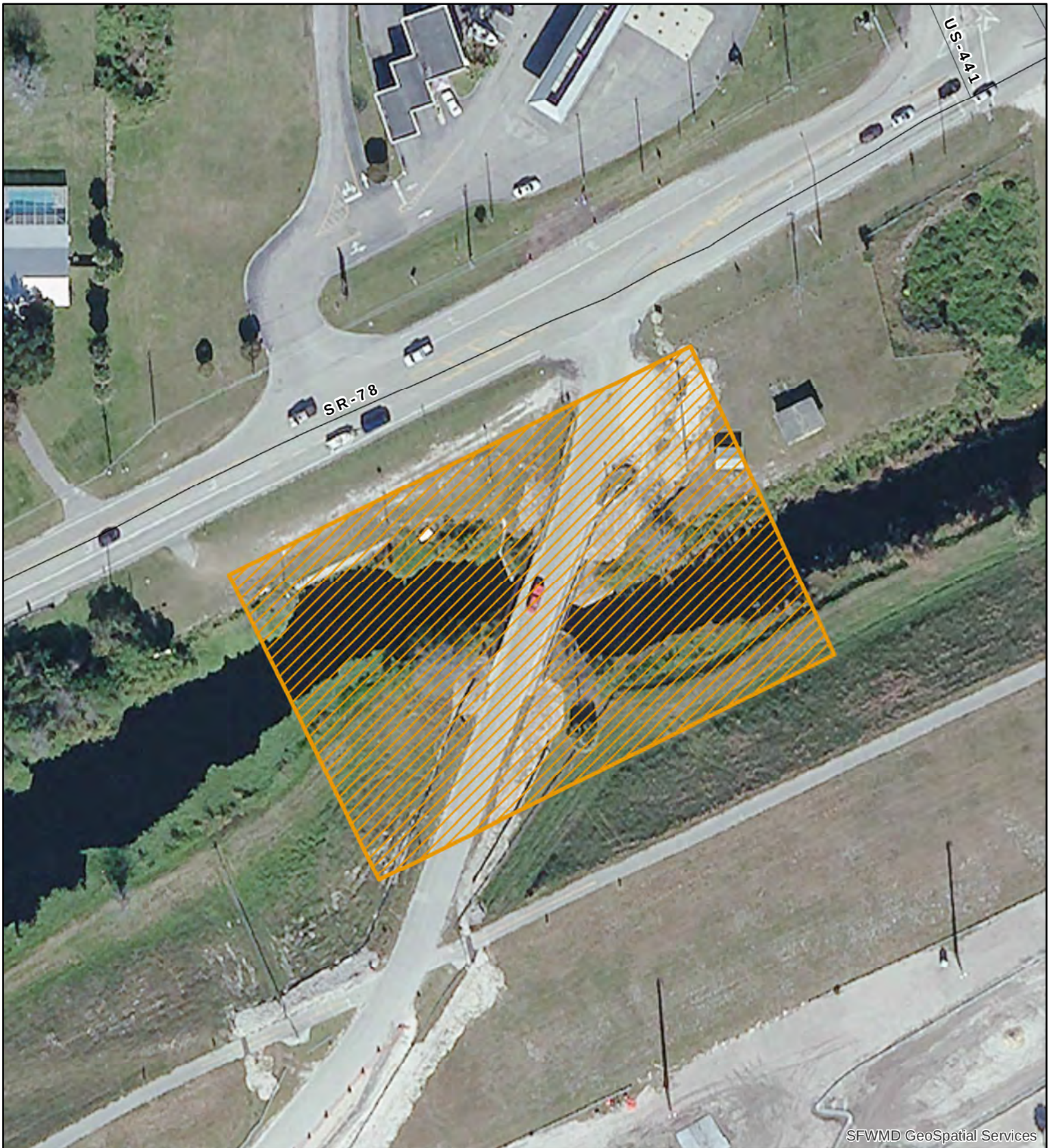

Barbara J. Conmy

DATE: 20 Jun 2016

SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT:


Jesse Markle, P.E.

DATE: 20-JUN-2016



SFWMD GeoSpatial Services

Exhibit No: 1

Exhibit Created On:
2016-06-16

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FL



Application



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Application Number: 151102-1

REGULATION DIVISION

Project Name: OKEECHOBEE COUNTY - LOCK 7
BYPASS CULVERT SYSTEM

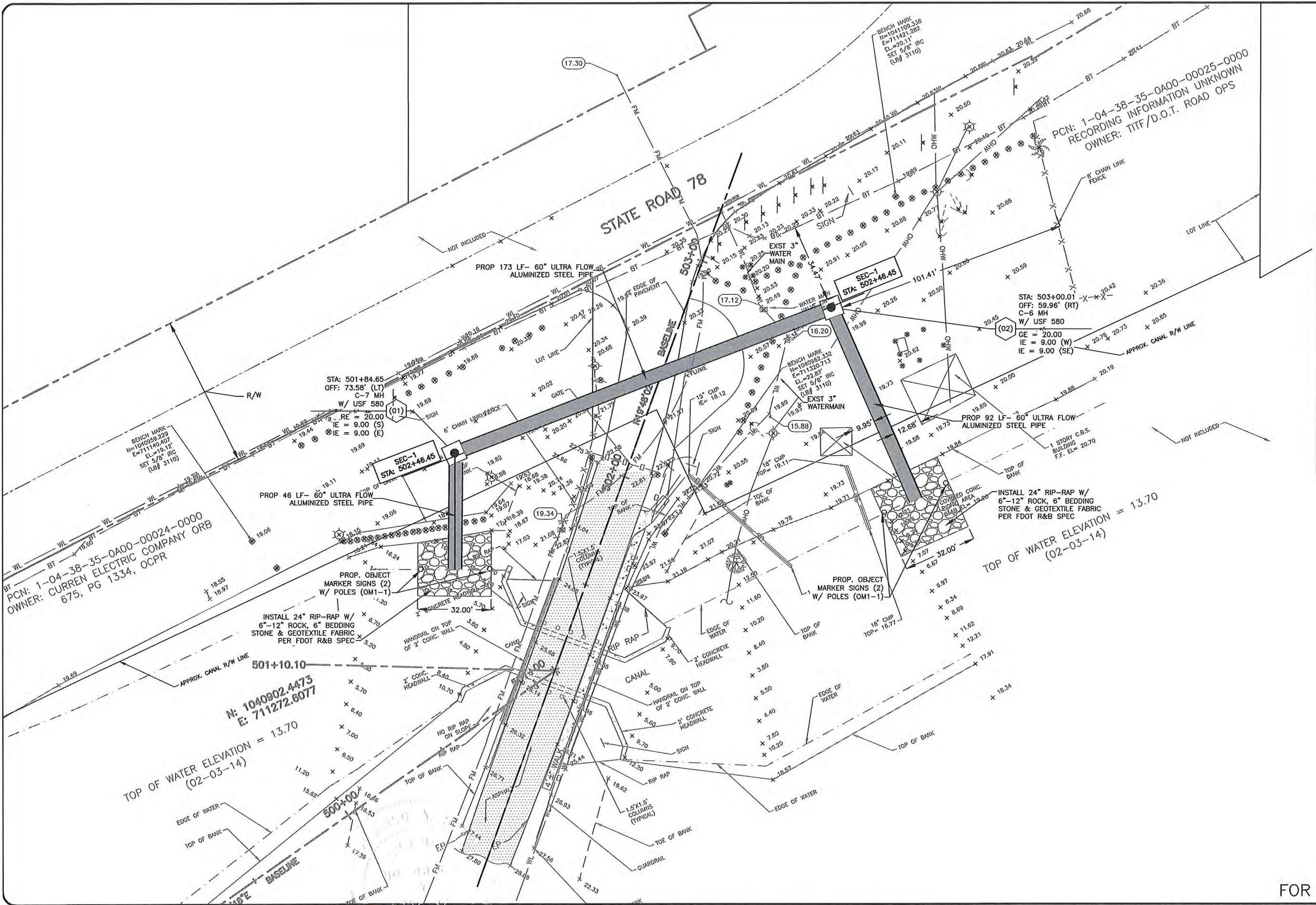
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South Florida Water Management District



- NOTES:
1. THE EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ANY UTILITIES SHOWN ON THESE PLANS MUST BE VERIFIED IN THE FIELD BY THE CONTRACTOR.
 2. CONTRACTOR WILL OBTAIN A WATER USE PERMIT FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING AS NECESSARY FROM ANY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.
 3. CONTRACTOR WILL OBTAIN A N.P.D.E.S. N.O.I. PERMIT FROM F.D.E.P. PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLY WITH THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PERMIT.
 4. ALL DRAINAGE STRUCTURES TO HAVE 18" SUMPS FROM LOWEST INVERT.
 5. WATERMAIN & FORCEMAIN ELEVATIONS BY OTHERS.

EXHIBIT 2.2
App. No. 151102-1

Construction Plans

13 Pages

PLEASE SEE PERMIT FILE

EXHIBIT 2.3
App. No. 151102-1

Application Narrative

17 Pages

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