



January 14, 2025

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

RE: Letter of Support for Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Surface Water Supply Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Cramer:

On behalf of the City of North Port Commission, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority's Surface Water Expansion Project (Final Design and Construction) for which \$15,000,000 in state funding is requested this year.

This project, budgeted at \$543,000,000, enhances regional water supply resiliency to disasters such as drought, floods, hurricanes, and climate change and will provide adequate drinking water capacity to meet growing needs for the next 15 to 20 years, supporting economic development and public health and safety in the region. Project components include a new intake and pump station to withdraw raw water from the Peace River, a new 9 billion-gallon above-ground reservoir, and a 24 million gallon per day expansion of the existing water treatment plant.

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 City of North Port Commission appreciates your time and consideration of this important water supply project.

Sincerely,

Phil Stokes
Mayor

CC: Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, 9415 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch Florida 34202