



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 Regional Transmission System 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 Regional Transmission System Expansion Project (Construction Phase) for which \$6,000,000 in state funding is requested this year.

The Project, budgeted at \$158,000,000, includes construction of over 20-miles of 42-inch diameter drinking water transmission pipeline, including seven (7) miles in Sarasota County and thirteen (13) miles in Charlotte County. This expansion will enhance regional water supply resiliency to disasters such as drought, floods, hurricanes, supporting economic development and public health and safety in the region and improving water quality to residents.

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