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May 20, 2010

Colonel Jeffrey R. Eckstein
District Commander
Department of the Army
Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435

Re: Pearl River Watershed, Mississippi

Dear Colonel Eckstein:

On March 22, 2010, members of the Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District (District) Subcommittee met with representatives of the Corps of Engineers to discuss moving forward with a flood control project for the Jackson Metro Area. At this meeting we discussed, among other things, the District's long standing desire to include a single, less intrusive lake as a flood control alternative. At its meeting on May 10, 2010, the District approved a motion to affirm its desire to re-engage with the Corps in moving forward with implementation of a flood control solution and to complete the Feasibility Study/Environmental Impact Statement.

The action of the Board at its May 10 meeting is reflected in the following language as set forth below:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE RANKIN-HINDS PEARL RIVER FLOOD AND DRAINAGE CONTROL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") THAT THE DISTRICT RE-ENGAGE ITS EFFORTS WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, VICKSBURG DISTRICT, ("CORPS") TO COMPLETE THE PEARL RIVER WATERSHED, MISSISSIPPI, FEASIBILITY STUDY, MAIN REPORT, PRELIMINARY DRAFT, DATED FEBRUARY 2007, IN THE FORM OF A RESULTING DECISION DOCUMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3104 OF WRDA 2007, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS AND FACTORS:

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1. That the Corps modify the Project Management Plan (PMP) to redefine and update the National Economic Development Plan (NED); and

2. That the Corps consider impoundment alternatives for a weir structure located immediately south of, or, immediately north of the Gallatin Street landfill; and

3. That such impoundment be evaluated to optimize flood control benefits while not adversely impacting LeFleur's Bluff State Park; and

4. That recreational and economic development features proposed by the non-federal sponsor within the project area be included, with specific focus on the Town Creek Area; and

5. To document and incorporate flood control, economic and environmental considerations for such impoundment alternative, with or without levees, as flood protection requirements dictate.

Director Gary Rhoads	voted: Aye
Director Brad Rogers	voted: Aye
Director Mark Scarborough	voted: Aye
Director Billy Orr	voted: Aye
Director Leland Speed	voted: Aye
Director Harvey Johnson	voted: Aye
Director Socrates Garrett	voted: Nay

By this action, the Board desires to move forward under the current Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement, appropriately amended to reflect the considerations set forth in the motion and looks forward to the opportunity to meet with you and your staff in the near future to establish a firm basis for proceeding forward.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

Billy Orr
President