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February 19, 2015

The Honorable John P. "Jack" Seiler, Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale
City Hall
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Seiler:

The Department of Economic Opportunity has completed its review of the proposed comprehensive plan amendment for the City of Fort Lauderdale (Amendment No. 15-1ESR), which was received on December 29, 2014. We have reviewed the proposed amendment pursuant to Sections 163.3184(2) and (3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and identified no comment related to important state resources and facilities within the Department's authorized scope of review that will be adversely impacted by the amendment if adopted.

We are, however, providing a technical assistance comment consistent with Section 163.3168(3), F.S. The Agency's technical assistance comment will not form the basis of a challenge but is offered to strengthen the City's comprehensive plan or ensure compliance with the provisions of the Community Planning Act.

The technical assistance comment pertains to the process used to adopt the City's 2015 Water Supply Facilities Work Plan. The amendment, as presently drafted, does not propose to adopt The Water Supply Facilities Work Plan in its entirety as a component of the comprehensive plan nor to adopt it by reference, such as through a goal, objective, or policy. To rectify this oversight, the City could adopt a policy explicitly acknowledging the adoption of this Water Supply Facilities Work Plan through reference.

The City is reminded that pursuant to Section 163.3184(3)(b), F.S., other reviewing agencies have the authority to provide comments directly to the City. If other reviewing agencies provide comments, we recommend the City consider appropriate changes to the amendment based on those comments. If unresolved, such comments could form the basis for a challenge to the amendment after adoption.

The City should act by choosing to adopt, adopt with changes, or not adopt the proposed amendment. Also, please note that Section 163.3184(3)(c)1, F.S., provides that if the second public

hearing is not held and the amendment adopted within 180 days of your receipt of agency comments, the amendment shall be deemed withdrawn unless extended by agreement with notice to the state land planning agency and any affected party that provided comment on the amendment. For your assistance, we have enclosed the procedures for adoption and transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Fort Lauderdale on planning and urban design issues. If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Adam Antony Biblo, at (850) 717-8503, or by email at Adam.Biblo@deo.myFlorida.com.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Procedures for adoption of comprehensive plan amendments

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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

February 17, 2015

Mr. Lee R. Feldman, City Manager
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33441-3598

**Subject: City of Fort Lauderdale, DEO #15-1ESR
Comments on Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Package**

Dear Mr. Feldman:

The South Florida Water Management District (District) has completed its review of the proposed amendment package submitted by the City of Fort Lauderdale (City). The amendment updates the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) and associated goals, objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The District offers the following recommendations for revising the proposed Work Plan update and requests that the City address these recommendations prior to adopting the amendment:

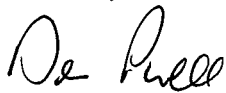
- Figures ES 1, 2 and 4, City of Fort Lauderdale Water Service Area, depict the Fort Lauderdale Water Service area as a single service area. Please revise the Figures, or include a separate map, depicting separately the jurisdictions and other areas served by the Fort Lauderdale Water System, either by retail or bulk sales. This would include the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Department of Transportation, Port Everglades, Broward County Water and Wastewater Services, the eleven other jurisdictions served by the City and portions of unincorporated Broward County.
- Table 5, City of Fort Lauderdale Water Service Area Water Demand Forecast includes projections of water demand for the Fort Lauderdale Water Service area. Please revise Table 5 to include separate projected water demands for each of the areas served by the City or the proportional capacity of the City's system allocated to each jurisdiction or area.
- Section 3.5.2, Raw Water Allocation, and Table 7, Floridan Aquifer Withdrawal Limits (million gallons), includes annual and maximum monthly allocations from the Floridan Aquifer. However, the City's current Water Use Permit, #06-11123-W, does not include a Floridan Aquifer withdrawal allocation. Please clarify in the Section and the Table that if the City needed to utilize an allocation for water from the Floridan Aquifer, as discussed in Section 4.0, Capital Improvements, and Section 4.1.2, Water Supply/Treatment Projects Needed From 2025 to 2035, the City would need to apply for a Water Use Permit modification.

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- Please revise Table 13, City of Fort Lauderdale Water System 5-Year (FY 2014-2018) Community Investment Plan, to include all improvements for 5 years after adoption of the Work Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment (current schedule only shows 4 years) and itemize all improvements by year and dollar amount.
- Existing Policy 2.3.6 incorporates by reference the City's Work Plan into the Comprehensive Plan. The policy should be revised to specifically include the date of the adoption of the Work Plan Amendment and the title of the Work Plan.

The District offers its technical assistance to the City and the Department of Economic Opportunity in developing sound, sustainable solutions to meet the City's future water supply needs and to protect the region's water resources. Please forward a copy of adopted amendments to the District. For assistance or additional information, please contact Terry Manning, Planning and Policy Analyst, at (561) 682-6779 or tmanning@sfwmd.gov.

Sincerely,



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