



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
701 San Marco Boulevard  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32207-8175

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Project Transfer**  
**Environmental Assessment**  
**St. Lucie County, Florida**

Based on the information analyzed and presented in the Environmental Assessment (EA) attached hereto, dated April 2016, reflecting pertinent information obtained from agencies having jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise, I conclude that the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and does not require an Environmental Impact Statement. Reasons for this conclusion are, in summary:

- Congress directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to transfer the project to the non-Federal sponsor, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in section 107 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114-113). The transfer agreement requires the SFWMD to continue to operate the transferred project as an environmental restoration project to provide water storage and water treatment options.
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- The project will not adversely affect existing fish and wildlife habitat.
- The project will not adversely affect protected species.
- Coordination with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer and appropriate federally recognized tribes is complete. It is anticipated that the proposed project will cause no adverse effect on any sites of cultural or historic significance and prior to implementation this project will be fully in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act through finalized consultation.
- The project is in compliance with the Clean Water Act. Water quality certification pursuant to 33 U.S.C. Section 1341 for this transfer and deauthorization is not required.
- The Corps has coordinated a consistency determination under the guidelines of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) through the circulation of this EA. The Corps has determined that the proposed action is consistent with the State of Florida coastal zone management programs. The Florida CZMA Evaluation can be referenced in Appendix B of this report.

- The transfer of the Ten Mile Creek WPA Critical Project to the SFWMD and deauthorization as a federal project will provide a portion of the original purpose and benefits of the project, including capturing and storing stormwater run-off during wet periods to reduce excessive freshwater flows to the St. Lucie River and Estuary as well as treatment in the STA to improve water quality before releasing back to Ten Mile Creek during dryer periods.
- This finding has been coordinated with the public and agencies in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.4(e) and Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 (part 11 and Appendix A). The point of contact is Lisa Aley at 904-232-3756 or Lisa.E.Aley@usace.army.mil.

In view of the above, and after consideration of public and agency comments received on the project, I have concluded that the proposed action for Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Critical Project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the human environment. This finding incorporates by reference all discussions and conclusions contained in the Environmental Assessment attached hereto.

  
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JASON A. KIRK, P.E.  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
Commanding

15 April 2016  
Date