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Subject: RE: New ponds holding water at Lake County Fish Farm
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:30:23 PM
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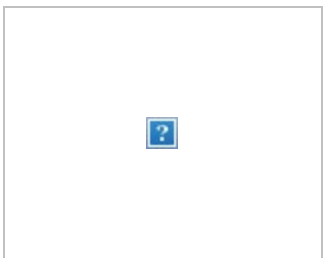
Commissioner:

Ms. de Jongh has emailed multiple people today, including several of your counterparts, regarding this issue. I have already responded to her and a copy of the email chain is attached for reference. Essentially, the settlement agreement requires:

- 6 ponds to be reclaimed by August 15, 2020;
- A reclamation plan to be filed and approved by PW – **the plan was filed and PW is reviewing it**
- A reclamation bond – **the bond was provided last week**

Glen is keeping track of the deadlines and requirements and has been in communication with the property owner. Fred's staff is reviewing the reclamation plan. I have been in communication with the property owner's attorney putting him on notice that we will go back to court if his client doesn't comply with the agreement. I have also been in communication with the legal counsel for the SJRWMD to follow up on whether the fish farm has applied for or received the after-the-fact ERP that is reference in the settlement agreement. Apparently the property owner has also breached the Consent Agreement that he signed with SJRWMD and their legal counsel is working through the avenues that are legally available to them as well. If the fish farm doesn't comply with the August 15th deadline for reclamation of 6 ponds, we will provide the property owner and their attorney the 14 day default notice required under the settlement agreement. If they still do not comply, we will file a verified motion with the circuit court requesting the case to be re-opened and seek relief in that forum.

I understand the residents would have liked this resolved more quickly, but we are doing everything humanly possible to bring this matter to a resolution. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:02 PM

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Katherine,

I'm sorry to hear this. I will ask our team to look into this right away.

Sean

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From: Katherine de Jongh <Katherine.dejongh@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:08 AM

To: Parks, Sean <SParks@lakecountyfl.gov>

Subject: New ponds holding water at Lake County Fish Farm

Hello Commissioner, I wanted to let you know that Sue Ray, who lives on the western boarder of the sand pit called Lake County Fish Farm, emailed me last night to tell me there are now new ponds, containing water, on the southern 40 acres that is part of the settlement agreement with the County. Not sure if it's ground water or rain water? I find this disturbing because one reason the

County pushed for this settlement was to require the landowner to fill ponds on the front parcel that serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The fish farm is dragging their feet in restoring the front parcel and is focusing primarily on excavation and hauling. The residents have lost faith in the County and feel they are not genuinely doing everything they can to stop the excavation and hauling that is destroying East Lake County. We would appreciate you taking the time to look at this concern. Sincerely, Katherine de Jongh