

## Cates, Morgan

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**From:** Sutch, Eric  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Mcray, Nicholas  
**Cc:** Cates, Morgan; Hogan, Sharon  
**Subject:** RE: Flood/Basin/Stormwater Study Request

Nic,

I spoke with Sandra Stura approximately two hours ago, and she voiced a few concerns about what she called "sand mine" operations.

She began by saying they were purportedly permitted as fish farms, but truck after truck load of sand (or dirt) was being removed and hauled off to possibly the 429 or Wekiva Parkway construction sites. Ms. Stura stated that one operation was using Walkabout Ranch Rd., and the other was on or around CR 44.

She said that according to "Red Tail" social media site, there was possibly a "Stay Order" on at least one of those construction sites.

Speaking with her, it was hard to nail down the exact location, but it is possible that it is the area we obtained photographs from earlier this week.

Ms. Stura stated she has a neighbor that flew a drone over one site, and there was a large hole or pond (she used the term sea a couple of times), that they guessed could be at least twenty feet deep. She mentioned concern about this being done within the Wekiva River Basin area.

She said she does not require any flood/stormwater study information, she just wants to make as many County officials aware of the situation as possible, as she and her neighbors are concerned that at least part of these operations are not legal. She has also contacted SJRWMD and Lake County Water Authority about this matter.

I informed her that I would pass along her concerns to my supervisor, which would possibly get to the proper authority to handle those concerns.

I also informed her that we had been observing some operations in that general area recently.

She seemed to be happy that we would at least be looking into whether these operations were above board, and said she would be OK with them as long as they were complying with their permit(s).

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-----Original Message-----

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Eric,  
Please follow up on the below.

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