December 28, 2015

Commissioner Carolyn J. Mason, Chair, District 1
Commissioner Alan Maio, Vice Chair, District 4
Commissioner Paul Caragiulo, District 2
Commissioner Christine Robinson, District 3
Commissioner Charles D. Hines, District 5

Sarasota County Administration Center
1660 Ringling Boulevard, 1st Floor
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Re: Stormwater Environmental Utility Advisory Committee Annual Report 2014

Dear Commissioners:

During 2015, the Stormwater Environmental Utility Advisory Committee (SEUAC) met a total of four times and discussed a number of topics including the following:

- Fiscal Year 2016 Budget
- Continuing discussions concerning code changes to the Land Development Regulation (LDR) and Zoning Code relating to Low Impact Development (LID)
- Ongoing discussions concerning proposed changes to Chapter 4 of the Comprehensive Plan
- Water Quality Planning
- SEU staffing, reorganization and election of committee officers

SEUAC is pleased that the submitted 2016 budget was approved as submitted. We are confident that ongoing efficiencies will continue to aid the department and the County going forward.

Many of our ongoing discussions on LID during 2014/15 have become incorporated into the latest Zoning Code and its relation to the LDR. SEUAC feels that Sarasota County is taking a lead position in the promotion and utilization of the latest advancements in LID.

The new approach to revising the Comprehensive Plan has allowed for many technical and redundant portions to be moved to appendices thus streamlining the plan while allowing for a more easily readable document. By referencing all the necessary technical data in said appendices, a reader can now review the document at any level they wish.
The continued digitization of data associated with the FEMA map modernization along with the digital data associated with the GIS has continued to be incorporated and it is the hope of SEUAC that we will see the final input of the bulk of the data by the end of 2015. We understand that data input will be an ongoing effort. The newly approved asset coordinator position in the 2016 budget will greatly improve the prioritization of key areas.

The ongoing discussions associated with Water Quality and the planning associated with future projects is a key topic and SEUAC feels that this is an area for continued review and development going forward. We also look forward to TMDL updates during 2016.

We are pleased that the preliminary FEMA digital maps are currently being reviewed. SEUAC is hopeful that the CRS impact will be minimal and that the Federal audit will be satisfactory allowing for the County rating to remain the same.

SEUAC stands ready to assist the department during the ongoing reorganizations and the changes associated with staff utilization within the department. We appreciate the close relationship that is present with staff and management. We also look forward to additional interaction with city representatives.

During the year SEUAC welcomed three new members, Chris Gallagher, Kenneth Kiehl and Natalie Woody. All of the Committee members appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Board and the community. Should the Board have any questions or comments, or request that the Committee pursue a particular topic, please let the current SEUAC chairman know.

Sincerely yours,

Calvin Kendig Jr.
Chairman

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    Kenneth Kiehl, SEUAC
    Nancy Lucas, SEUAC
    Dean Mades, SEUAC
    Tim Roane, SEUAC
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