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Colonel Andrew Kelly, District Commander
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701 Marco Boulevard
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RE: LOSOM Update

The Honorable Colonel Kelly,

The City of Bonita Springs would like to thank you for this opportunity to submit input regarding the new Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM). On March 24, 2021, the City of Bonita Springs City Council unanimously voted to support Lee County, the Cities of Cape Coral, Estero, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, and Sanibel, who all signed the joint letter dated March 19, 2021, expressing our unified concerns about the management of the water levels of Lake Okeechobee and the potential impacts upon our communities as we approach the rainy season.

We understand that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is analyzing the complex and delicate issue of balancing the flows affecting the Caloosahatchee, which is an effort that the City of Bonita Springs strongly supports and appreciates. We look forward to participating in the LOSOM process together in order to develop a balanced solution for all stakeholders.

Please consider the City of Bonita Springs as a signatory on the attached letter to you dated March 19, 2021.

Respectfully,


Mayor Rick Steinmeyer

cc: Mayor and City Council
Kevin Ruane, Chairman, Lee County Commission
John Gunter, Mayor, City of Cape Coral
Katy Errington, Mayor, Village of Estero
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