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November 6, 2015

Ms. Janet Llewellyn, Policy Administrator, Office of Water Policy
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Dear Ms. Llewellyn:

At its November 3 meeting, the Temple Terrace City Council heard a presentation from Richard Brown on behalf of Friends of Hillsborough River, Inc. regarding the pending ERP application from the Southwest Florida Water Management District to construct a pump station and transmission pipeline near the Morris Bridge Sink in unincorporated Hillsborough County. Subsequent to that presentation, the City Council asked that you be advised that our City concurs with the Friends of Hillsborough River, Inc. and supports the positions contained in their letter to you dated September 14, 2015.

On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, I want to remind the Department of the City's continuing interest in the sustainability and health of the Hillsborough River and the pristine wetlands and uplands upstream of our city limits. The planned construction activity could prove detrimental to the area near the Morris Bridge Sink. In addition, it is doubtful that this project will have a material beneficial impact upon the health of the Hillsborough River, above or below the dam. The cost can easily be avoided and the region's taxpayers would benefit from a reduction in construction project expense, however small in relation to the District's annual budget.

The City urges the Department to forego approval of the ERP for a project that is not needed.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Seeber
City Manager, ICMA-CM

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cc: Mayor and City Council
Mr. Richard Brown
Member of the River Watch Task Force

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