

December 2, 2003

Representative Jeff Kottkamp 3501 Del Prado Boulevard Suite 305 Cape Coral, FL 33904

Re: Request by the Southwest Florida Watershed Council to be on the agenda for the December 16, 2003 Lee County Delegation Meeting

Dear Representative Kottkamp,

The Southwest Florida Watershed Council is a grass roots, multi-county coalition of individuals, organizations, agencies and businesses that have come together to address issues affecting the Caloosahatchee and Big Cypress watersheds. The mission of the Southwest Florida Watershed Council is to protect, conserve, manage and/or restore the land and water resources of these watersheds through participation and cooperation of all stakeholders in consensus building, planning, and decision making to meet the economic, natural and cultural needs for this and succeeding generations.

To work toward achieving our stated mission the Legislative Subcommittee has drafted a set of Legislative priorities for the 2004 Legislative Session. The Watershed Council as a whole has reached consensus in support of these priorities. To further discuss these priorities with you, and the entire Lee County Delegation, we would like to request to be on the agenda for your December 16, 2003 Lee County Delegation meeting. We look forward to discussing these items with you and toward building a strong working relationship between the Delegation and the Watershed Council.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions regarding this request or our Legislative Priorities.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bauer, J.D., Ph.D. Chair, Southwest Florida Watershed Council

The mission of the Southwest Florida Watershed Council is to protect, conserve, manage and/or restore the land and water resources of the Caloosahatchee and Big Cypress Watersheds through participation and cooperation of all stakeholders in consensus building, planning, and decision making to meet the economic, natural and cultural needs for this and succeeding generations.