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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4

RE: Item VIII.F., Letter to Governor Rick Scott Regarding the Failure of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to Respond to the Board's Letter

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 17, 2016, authorized the Chairman to execute a Letter to Governor Rick Scott regarding the failure of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to respond to the Board's letter relating to the issues plaguing the Indian River Lagoon Estuary.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: Commissioner Barfield

Office of Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

On behalf of the citizens of Brevard County, thank you for your continued support with the issues plaguing the Indian River Lagoon Estuary. Your leadership is very much appreciated.

On a different but related issue, the Board of County Commission for Brevard County unanimously passed Resolution 2016-03 on January 12, 2016. An important part of this resolution is to formally petition the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to re-evaluate and modify as necessary, rule making procedures pertaining to manatee speed zones throughout the county. In addition, to update the outdated Brevard Manatee Protection Plan through a fair and transparent process.

This resolution was conveyed to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) by way of a letter to Mr. Brian Yablonski, Chairman, dated January 19, 2016. (Please see attached letter) As of this date, our County Commission has not received any kind of response from FWC, acknowledging that our letter was received.

On March 17, 2016, our Natural Resources Management Department reached out to FWC to inquire whether or not they received our letter. They informed us that the Executive Director's office forwarded the letter to their legal department, and to the Imperiled Species division. We were told that after they confer with each other a response will be prepared as soon as possible.

While we can certainly understand the slow process of government, we would like, at the bare minimum, a written acknowledgement that our letter was received. We are regretful that we are in the position of having to ask for your involvement on what appears to be a straight forward request; however, we are left with no other options.

The Brevard County Commission appeals to you for any influence you seem fit, to assist us in resolving this issue of transparent communications with FWC. Thank you very much for any assistance you may give.

Respectfully,

Brevard County Commission