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Executive Office

Mr. John Richmond  
Senior Professional Engineer  
St. Johns River Water Management District  
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Dear Mr. Richmond:

Congratulations for over thirty years of dedicated service to the State of Florida! Your efforts on the Four River Basins (FRB) Project and the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project over your remarkable career with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) exemplifies outstanding service not only to the State of Florida but to our nation as well. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Jacksonville District staff that have worked with you throughout your career are proud of your accomplishments and join you in celebrating this exciting time in your life.

The decision you made to join the SJRWMD in 1991 set in motion a career few could have imagined but many are grateful for. Along the way to achieving your current position as Senior Professional Engineer, you successfully contributed at a high level of performance in the area of water management operations. As a result, the Corps benefited greatly from your contributions to the SJRWMD responsibility in performing long-term operations and maintenance for the FRB Project and the C&SF Project.

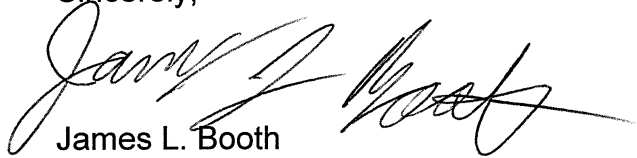
Throughout your water management related career, you willingly made personal sacrifices that reflected the responsibilities that you accepted. Your selfless service to benefit stakeholders, property owners, and the general public may best be understood through your countless; late nights, early mornings, long days, working weekends, and working holidays effectively matching Mother Nature's schedule for the numerous hurricane and flood events over your career.

Throughout your career, you envisioned and led numerous technical improvements related to software, hardware, and infrastructure in support of the day-to-day implementation of water management operations. This included the development of the first Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system used by SJRWMD staff and the "smart phone" application of an improved software system that allows remote operation of water management structures through telemetry by SJRWMD staff. In addition, you have continuously expanded the availability of hydrometeorologic data associated with the Upper Ocklawaha River Basin (UORB) component of the FRB Project and the Upper St. Johns River Basin (USJRB) component of the C&SF Project

and the simplification of monitoring it. This specifically benefited the Jacksonville District, especially during and after hurricane and flood events.

The professionalism and leadership that you have demonstrated while operating and maintaining the UORB and the USJRB throughout your career is a reflection of your personal integrity, dedication, and selfless service. You have earned great respect and admiration from your colleagues here in the Jacksonville District. Know that the years of service you provided to the SJRWMD directly benefited citizens living in communities adjacent to and downstream of UORB and USJRB infrastructure. Please accept my personal thanks and those of your colleagues here in the Jacksonville District Water Management Section for your many years of faithful service to both the FRB Project and the C&SF Project. I wish you all the best in your future retirement!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Booth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James L. Booth  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander