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November 3, 2009

Commissioner Ken Hagan  
P.O. Box 1110  
Tampa, FL 33601

Dear Chairman Hagan:

The Cone Ranch Environmental Advisory Panel was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners on June 3, 2009. This Panel was charged with the task of examining every proposal that was brought forward that would permanently protect, preserve, and restore Cone Ranch. At the Panel's first meeting on June 29th, they elected me, Heidi McCree, as Chairman and Roseanne Clementi as Vice Chairman.

A total of five meetings have been held to date. We hope what will be our final meeting, will take place on Monday, November 16th. The Panel has been well-staffed and we have asked many questions and have received extensive information related to the complex parcel known as Cone Ranch.

Our website contains voluminous information, including documents relating to the original acquisition, the legal requirements for disposition of this Water Resource Services asset, maps of the property, and management plans which have been proposed over the years.

Each of our meetings has been broadcast on Hillsborough Television and public comment was received at every meeting. Additionally the closed captioning and video links of each meeting are included on the website. We have made every effort to provide public access to our deliberations.

The task that you assigned us has not been an easy task. We believe that we are now armed with factual information and that we are now prepared to engage in the debate to finalize any recommendations that the Panel may choose to bring forward to you.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Heidi McCree, Chairman  
Cone Ranch Environmental Advisory Panel

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