



CLEMENTI ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, LLC

October 29, 2009

Hillsborough County
601 East Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33602

Attention: Edith Stewart0

RE: Disposition of Cone Ranch

Dear Edith:

Herein are my thoughts for the panel's recommendations for the Cone Ranch.

- The property should not be sold and should be protected in perpetuity for the water conservation and wildlife values. The ultimate goal would be to place the entire property in a conservation/preservation easement.
- The property should remain with the water department until it is determined if it is necessary to transfer the stewardship to another agency and how and when this should transpire. It might be determined that the water department could continue the stewardship while placing the tract in conservation easements.
- Allocate funds for the development of a master plan for the property.
- Get the easements from Tampa Bay Water removed.
- Allow the stewards of the property to investigate ways to restore and enhance the wetland and wildlife values of the property including a joint venture with a private firm to create a conservation/mitigation bank where it is appropriate.
- Allow the continuing thinning of the planted pines which has been planned for years.
- Allow the cattle lease to remain as long as it does not interfere with the intent of the easements or degrade the quality of the receiving waters.
- Allow for a county passive park if appropriate.

Thank you for all the work you have put in to keep this group on track and efficient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rosanne G. Clementi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rosanne G. Clementi
Principal

cc: coneranch\suggestions