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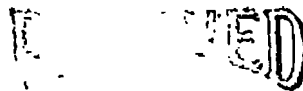
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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE  
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June 28, 2000

The Honorable Pat Frank, Chair  
Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners  
P O Box 1110  
Tampa, FL 33601

Re Cone Ranch

Dear Commissioner Frank

At the Tampa Bay Water meeting on June 19, 2000, the Board of Directors approved the draft preliminary term sheet which had been previously approved on June 13, 2000 by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners. Our Board's approval of the Hillsborough County draft was with certain understandings. A copy of the draft term sheet approved by Hillsborough County and the understandings approved by our Board are attached for your convenience.

It is our hope that negotiations between our respective staffs can proceed as quickly as possible on the basis of this draft term sheet and understandings. Negotiations that have taken place so far have been productive, and Tampa Bay Water staff is ready to continue those negotiations whenever it is convenient for the Hillsborough County Water Resource Team.

Thank you for your efforts in exploring all alternatives which will allow us to achieve our common goal in the most efficient and environmentally sensitive manner possible.

Sincerely,

David J Fischer, Chairman  
Tampa Bay Water

cc Jerry L Maxwell, General Manager  
Donald D Conn, General Counsel

Enclosures

## AGENDA ITEM 1-5 CONE RANCH OPTIONS

**Recommend Approval of Hillsborough County Draft with the Following Understandings**

Item 1 - Exploring options for elimination of Cone Ranch as a potential future wellfield includes discussions concerning compensating Tampa Bay Water for relinquishment of all water rights

Item 3 - The "technical evaluation/feasibility analysis on Cone Ranch" that is referenced in the Hillsborough draft is the Stage A analysis already underway by Tampa Bay Water

Item 4 - A "feasibility analysis" of "options" is not currently underway and would have to be initiated

Item 5 - The options must be consistent with the Master Water Plan in addition to being technically feasible

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- 1 Tampa Bay Water Staff (TBW) and the Hillsborough County Water Resource Team (HCWRT) will jointly explore options for siting of Cone Ranch as a potential future wellfield, thus allowing Hillsborough County to pursue federal grants with respect to the preservation and restoration of Cone Ranch.
- 2 As part of this effort, TBW Staff and HCWRT will identify potential new and/or additional water sources to replace those water rights being relinquished by TBW.
- 3 Concurrent with the identification of potential water replacement options, TBW Staff in consultation with the HCWRT will undertake a technical evaluation/feasibility analysis on Cone Ranch to determine the amount of water to be replaced.
- 4 The feasibility analysis will include determining if options meet applicable water management district permitting criteria.
- 5 Tampa Bay Water Staff and Hillsborough County Water Resource Team will develop a term sheet including a procedural framework and a proposed time period for implementation of any options which are determined to be technically feasible.