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ITEM 9**

Peace River Basin Report

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Douglas Manson
FROM: Paria Shirzadi Heeter
RE: Peace River Basin Report
DATE: March 10, 2026

Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC—Bartow Facility

On February 10, 2025, Mosaic submitted a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit renewal application for the Bartow Facility (Permit No. FL0001589) to the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”). The NPDES permit authorizes surface water discharges to Cedar Branch (which is associated with the Peace River) and Skinned Sapling Creek (which is associated with the North Prong Alafia River). On March 7, 2025, DEP issued a request for additional information (“RAI”), which Mosaic responded to on April 3, 2025. On April 14, 2025, DEP deemed the NPDES permit renewal application complete. DEP expects to have a notice of intent to issue the permit by July 2025. As of the date of this report, there has been no notice of intent to issue or update to the permit file for this permit renewal.

The Bartow Facility’s operations include production of sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, and ammoniated fertilizer products. The Bartow Facility is located in Polk County, at the boundary line of the Peace River watershed and over 50 miles away from the Peace River Regional Water Supply Authority Facility. However, one of the Bartow Facility’s outfalls (Outfall D-002) discharges treated process wastewater, non-process wastewater, and stormwater to an unnamed ditch that flows to Six Mile Creek, which ultimately enters the Peace River.

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Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC—South Fort Meade Mine Eastern Extension

On January 21, 2026, DEP issued a minor modification to Mosaic to modify its ERP for the South Fort Meade Mine—Eastern Extension (No. 389010-006). The South Fort Meade Mine—Eastern Extension (“SFM-EE”), is already permitted through existing DEP ERP No. MMR_398010-002. This modification is for the construction of a dragline walk path corridor from the SFM-EE Access/Utility Corridor across Old Town Creek Road to the SFM-EE mine area, and includes the crossing of the reroute ditch located in the northwest corner of the mine area. Impacts to the surface water were generally characterized by the applicant as a short-term temporary filling of an unvegetated man-made ditch to allow for the crossing of a dragline. Once crossing is complete, the pipes will be removed, and the ditch will be restored in the same size, shape and overall configuration as it is currently. A special condition was added by DEP stating that if the dragline crossing is needed beyond April 2026, then a new analysis will be required for the size and number of required pipes installed.

All of the SFM-EE Mine drains west and southwest into Charlie Creek (Charlie Creek flows south until it connects into the Peace River), and the project area is wholly located in the Peace River watershed.

Desoto Recycling and Disposal, LLC—Class I Landfill

On July 31, 2024, DEP gave notice of its intent to issue a construction permit modification (no. 331236-011-SC-01) and operation permit modification (no. 331236-012-SO-01) to Desoto Recycling and Disposal, LLC (“Desoto Recycling”) for its Desoto Recycling and Disposal Landfill. The modification includes the conversion of specific cells from a Class III landfill to Class I. It also includes the construction and operation of those cells and leachate storage ponds for the Class I cells. The prior permits for this project only authorized a Class III landfill.

On August 19, 2024, a Petition for Administrative Hearing was filed with DEP by Fourmile Island, Inc., and on September 4, 2024, another petition was filed (by J&L Triple B Ranch) challenging this

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permit modification and requesting an administrative hearing. Additional petitions were subsequently filed by other petitioners (including Alico, Inc., Hall's Tiger Bay Ranch and Joshua Citrus Inc.) challenging the permit. The petitions were referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings on April 23, 2025 and the nine petitions (which were each assigned separate case numbers) were all consolidated on May 1, 2025. On July 22, 2025, one of the petitioners, J&L Triple B Ranch, withdrew its petition for hearing. The remaining consolidated cases were scheduled to proceed to hearing on October 16, 17, and 20-24, 2025 in Tallahassee, Florida, but on October 7, 2025, an order was granted continuing the final hearing dates to February 3-6 and 9-11, 2026. A September 12, 2025 order in the consolidated cases in part granted a motion to strike as to the scope of the permitting action subject to review in the administrative hearing proceeding, limiting it to the modification of the eight cells from Class III cells to Class I cells.

On December 12, 2025, DEP and Desoto Recycling filed a Joint Motion for Authorization to Amend Notice of Intent to Approve Minor Modification ("Motion"). The Motion explains that DEP seeks to approve a minor modification that Desoto Recycling applied for on June 6, 2025 to allow DeSoto Recycling to immediately begin the construction of a loadout pad and, following the construction of the pad, cease use of the spray fields and begin hauling the Class III leachate off-site. In the Motion, DEP is proposing to amend the NOI pending in the DOAH case to incorporate the minor modification changes. The Motion was granted on December 23, 2025. On January 12, 2026, Desoto Recycling submitted a signed revised RAI response and updated application to DEP. DEP issued comments and questions in response to the updated application on January 13 and 26, 2026.

On January 14, 2026, the City of Punta Gorda Utilities Department submitted a letter to DEP formally opposing the proposed permit modification. The letter explains that the City's opposition is based on the fact that the project is located within the Prairie Creek watershed which directly sustains the Shell

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Creek Reservoir, which is the primary surface water supply source serving the City and surrounding communities. The letter goes on to state that the proposed conversion to a Class I landfill appears to violate Rule 62-701.340(3)(d), F.A.C., which prohibits Class I landfill facilities from being located within 3,000 feet of Class I Waters.

On February 2, 2026, the ALJ issued an order granting a motion in limine relating to Rule 62-701.300(7), F.A.C. (regarding whether the landfill that is the subject of the challenged permit is within 3,000 feet of Class I surface waters, in violation of Rule 62-701.300(7)). The order precluded evidence and testimony from being presented at the final hearing as to both the extent of the Prairie Creek Class I waters (based on the ALJ's finding that the extent of the Class I designation of Prairie Creek is limited to that depicted on the map incorporated in rule 62-302.400(17)(b)14, and that evidence to the contrary is not relevant) and the boundary of the landfill, but allowed a proffer of such evidence.

As of the date of this Report, the final hearing has concluded and the parties are waiting for the ALJ's issuance of a recommended order in the case.

The total combined waste disposal footprint of the landfill is approximately 174 acres and is located in Arcadia, Desoto County and is within the Peace River watershed.

Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC—Green Bay Facility

On February 25, 2026, Mosaic notified DEP, via email, that during the construction of the permitted Area 12 lined temporary storage pond at Mosaic's Bonnie facility, 167 loads of Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material ("TENORM") (discarded liner) from the closed pond had been transferred from the Bonnie facility to the Green Bay facility's designated TENORM disposal area within the gypstack system. The Mosaic email explained that, due to internal miscommunication, Mosaic did not submit a request for specific approval from DEP prior to disposing of the TENORM material, but that each load of material was documented including the highest radiation survey reading,

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quantity and date. The disposal process occurred between July 18, 2025 and August 1, 2025. The Green Bay Facility is located in Bartow, Polk County, just outside of, but near the boundary of, the Peace River watershed, and the topography of the area is governed by the Sweetwater Branch and Six Mile Creek flowing easterly to the Peace River.

TMV Properties—Waterside Restoration

On May 30, 2025, DEP issued notice of its intent to issue an environmental resource permit (“ERP”) (MMR_0452990-001) to TMV Properties to construct an approximately 281.25-acre stormwater management system for a new sand mining operation. The total acreage of mining extraction and disturbed lands proposed is 281.25 acres. The estimated life of the mine, including reclamation, is ten years. The project will entail extracting sand and shell to be used on future development projects. The application states that “the site will produce no offsite discharge other than the moisture in the soil leaving the site from excavation.” On May 30, 2025, neighbors to the project site filed a petition for administrative hearing alleging that the project has resulted in adverse impacts to petitioners such as air pollution, foul odors, noise, and threat to water quality. That petition, as well as their amended petition, was dismissed with leave to amend, and on August 12, 2025, the petitioners (John Salvatore and Desiree Rabuse) filed their second amended petition for administrative proceeding challenging the permit. On January 5, 2026, the administrative law judge, after a formal administrative hearing was held, issued a recommended order in DOAH Case No. 45-4785 concluding that the proposed ERP, with the modifications set forth in certain joint exhibits that were admitted into evidence at the hearing (a clean fill/clean debris backfill requirement and two additional monitoring wells with specified locations) meets all applicable statutory and rule requirements for issuance of the proposed ERP, and recommending that DEP issue the ERP with the modifications.

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On October 22, 2025, the applicant submitted revised application documents to DEP. A revised redline notice of intent to issue the ERP to TMV Properties was added to the permit file around the same time; it includes a statement that “on October 24, 2025, the applicant submitted revised application materials to DEP to modify the reclamation plan.”

On February 19, 2026, DEP issued a Final Order for OCG Case No. 25-1060, DOAH Case No. 45-4785, granting the ERP (MMR_452990-001) with the permit modifications reflected in the joint exhibits discussed above.

The project is located in Punta Gorda and is within the watershed of the Peace River Basin.

Florida Power & Light Company & Vandolah Power Company, LLC—Vandolah Power Plant

On January 14, 2026, DEP issued an ERP modification (No. 25-0165196-004-EM) to Florida Power & Light Company and Vandolah Power Company, LLC. The ERP modification authorizes the permittees to modify the existing permitted Vandolah Power Plant site originally authorized by ERP Permit No. 25-0165196-002, which lies within the landward extent of the Middle Peace River. The 2.64-acre project site activities include modifications to the existing stormwater management system to support the addition of an approximately 1.25-acre transmission substation with associated infrastructure, filling one (1) existing 0.47-acre dry detention area and two (2) existing conveyance swales, the addition of approximately 0.78 acres of impervious surface, and expanding an existing dry detention area. The ERP modification states that the remaining stormwater management system on the site will not be altered. The site modifications add 0.78 acres of new impervious surfaces, for a total of 13.76 acres of impervious surfaces on site.

The project is located at 2394 Vandolah Road, Wauchula, in Hardee County, and within the Peace River watershed.

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I-4 Sand Company, LLC—St. Helena Sand Mine

On October 13, 2025, DEP issued an ERP to I-4 Sand Company, LLC for its proposed St. Helena Sand Mine. The ERP authorizes the applicant to construct a stormwater management system for a new sand mine. A portion of the project is already operating as a permitted and active borrow pit operation regulated under Southwest Florida Water Management District (“SWFWMD”) ERP No. 44033530.000. The permit states that this new DEP ERP will supersede the current SWFWMD ERP and the current borrow operations will continue as overburden removal for the hydraulic dredge sand mining operations. No offsite discharges are proposed.

On October 27, 2025, I-4 Sand Company, LLC applied to DEP to modify its ERP for the St. Helena Sand Mine (ERP No. 458962-002). The application requests to modify conditions regarding monitoring piezometers that are sampled for water quality analysis and baseline groundwater monitoring. DEP issued a RAI on November 10, 2025, which I-4 Sand Company, LLC responded to on February 4, 2026.

The proposed 477-acre project is situated on approximately 551 acres of land located north of the intersection of Masterpiece Road and St. Helena Road in unincorporated Polk County, approximately two miles to the north and east of the city limits of Lake Wales. The project appears to be located in or near the Lake Wales Ridge area, which is the easternmost extension of the upper Peace River watershed.

Clarion Lake, LLC- Clarion Lake II Mine

On March 20, 2025, DEP issued a RAI in response to a draft submittal from Clarion Lake, LLC for a proposed ERP modification (No. MMR 0261422-009) for its Clarion Lakes II Excavation project. The applicant submitted its response to the RAI on June 5, 2025; the RAI response submittal including the formal ERP modification application. On June 13, 2025, notice was published of the ERP modification application. On September 24, 2025, DEP issued a second RAI requesting additional information

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regarding the drainage narrative, modeling, and seasonal high water table. As of the date of this Report, no response has been submitted to the second RAI.

The proposed Clarion Lakes II Excavation project area consists of 260.05 acres and will be completed in 4 cells. The sand mine will provide fill materials to developments in the areas around the proposed project. The application states that there will be no offsite discharges. The project is located in Charlotte County and is within the drainage basin of the Peace River.

Monarch Mountain Minerals and Aggregates LLC—Highland Sand Mine

In December 2025, Monarch Mountain Minerals and Aggregates LLC submitted a draft ERP application to DEP for its proposed Highland Sand Mine. The draft application proposes a new sand mine on a site that is currently operated as a borrow pit. The application requests to change a portion of the site to hydraulic dredge sand mining and processing, while continuing existing borrow pit operations (dry mining) for fill material and overburden removal. It also requests the addition of approximately 70 acres to the project site, an increase in mining depth and a change in mining method (hydraulic dredging) within a portion of the approved area, along with the addition of a sand processing plant and associated infrastructure. Of the approximately 436 acres on site, 390 acres are proposed for excavation. On January 14, 2026, DEP issued a RAI in response to the draft application.

The project site is located in Polk County within the Peace River watershed.

JDI Farms, Inc.— Chastain 640 Excavation

On September 15, 2025, JDI Farms, Inc. submitted a formal ERP application (No. 461226-001) to DEP for a new sand mine in Charlotte County. The application proposes a project and permit area of 550.74 acres within a 646.85-acre site. The estimated life of the mine including reclamation will be 10 years. This project will entail extracting sand and shell to be used on future development projects. The drainage narrative for the application states that any storm event above the 25-year 24-hour storm event

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will discharge through a weir to the west. On October 13, 2025, DEP issued a RAI, which the applicant responded to on December 1, 2025. DEP then issued a second RAI on December 29, 2025, which the applicant responded to on January 26 and 28, 2026. The application was deemed complete by DEP on February 5, 2026.

The project is located in Punta Gorda, Florida, and is within the lower Peace River.

Farabee Mine & Shell LLC—Sand Mine

On February 5, 2026, DEP issued an ERP modification (No. 269764-010) for Farabee Mine & Shell LLC's ("Farabee") sand and shell mine to expand the mining operation into vacant uplands located east of the current mining site. The proposed expansion consists of 7.15 acres, totaling a 109.51-acre sand mine on a 140.7-acre property. The modification authorizes Farabee to excavate, process, and haul sand and fill material from within the expansion area. The application states that there are no wetlands within the proposed expansion area and that no offsite discharges are proposed. A 4-foot high perimeter berm encompassing the existing mine prevents offsite stormwater discharge, and any runoff outside of the mining operation is directed to the perimeter swale located within the existing property line setback which conveys drainage offsite.

The project site is located approximately 3 miles east of the intersection of State Road 31 and Farabee Road in Charlotte County, and is located within the Peace River watershed.

Bermont Excavating, LLC--R&D Cattle Bermont Mine

On November 14, 2025, Bermont Excavating, LLC ("Bermont") submitted an ERP modification application to DEP for its R&D Cattle Bermont Mine. Bermont excavates fill dirt, sand, and shell resources and washes and screens sand and shell products under its existing ERP (MMR_0342229-002). This major modification application seeks to modify the ERP to account for Bermont excavating deeper than the expected depth during its mining operations. The application states that according to a dewatering

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analysis/hydrologic model, these impacts will have no anticipated impacts to adjacent and local surface water features. On January 23, 2026, DEP issued a RAI to Bermont that stated, among other things, that it is difficult to ascertain from the ERP plan set what, if any, updates are occurring on site for the reclamation phase, beyond the 12-foot increase in depth for all pits, and asks Bermont to provide a narrative discussion of each and every change for the updates to the construction designs. The RAI also asked Bermont to clarify if the project area is being expanded into the 15.1-ac area (that is outside of the original project limits of the existing ERP) shown on one of the submitted plan sheets. The RAI explains that if an expansion is being requested, that additional information and submittals will be required and the application will be under heightened scrutiny from DEP, and that DEP recommends that an expansion not be requested as part of the application.

The Bermont Mine is located at 37390 Bermont Road (a.k.a. County Road 74) in Charlotte County within the Peace River Basin, and consists of approximately 580.21 acres within the 1,248.53 acres of R&D Cattle Excavation, LLC owned property. Shell Creek, a tributary to the Peace River, borders the Bermont Mine. The Bermont Mine is located entirely south of Shell Creek and consists of a south mining area and north mining area that are separated by an unnamed tributary to Shell Creek.

City of Haines City—Water Use Permit

On July 16, 2024, SWFWMD received a WUP renewal and modification application (No. 8522.013) from the City of Haines City. The modification application requests to renew the permit for a term of twenty years and to increase the total annual average allocation from 5.921 mgd to 14.585 mgd and the peak month allocation from 7.046 mgd to 17.357 mgd. The increase in allocation is based on updated population and demand projections (including new proposed developments). On August 14, 2024, SWFWMD issued a RAI requesting additional information regarding the proposed developments, a shapefile of the proposed future service area boundary, an impact analysis, groundwater models, an

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updated water conservation plan, and water level data. Between March 3 and November 7, 2025, information was submitted as a partial response to the RAI. The deadline for completing the response to the RAI has been extended to May 5, 2026. As of the date of this Report, the response to the RAI has not yet been completed. The WUP is for public supply uses in Polk County and is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and the Green Swamp and Peace River basins.

Spanish Trail Land and Cattle Company, LLC—Water Use Permit

On February 27, 2025, SWFWMD received a WUP modification application (No. 9478.011) from Spanish Trail Land and Cattle Company, LLC that requests to reduce the permitted allocations from 0.954 mgd to 0.506 mgd annual average, reduce the irrigated acreage by 200 acres, and to add a mining/dewatering use for a new 90 acre mine for backfill. SWFWMD issued a notice of intended agency action letter approving the WUP modification on February 13, 2026. The permit use is in DeSoto County and located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and Peace River basin.

Southern Land Developers, LLC—Water Use Permit

On July 1, 2025, SWFWMD received a new WUP application (No. 21268.000) from Southern Land Developers, LLC for mining/dewatering use for its Land South Borrow Pit Mine. The application supporting documents explain that all dewatering effluent will be routed to a proposed recharge trench surrounding the excavation area of the project site. The SWFWMD epermitting page lists the requested annual average allocation as 113.88 mgd and the peak allocation as 93.6 mgd. On July 17, 2025, SWFWMD issued a RAI to the applicant. The deadline for responding to the RAI has been extended to April 13, 2026. As of the date of this Report, no response has been submitted to the RAI. The permit is for mining uses in DeSoto County and is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and Peace River basin.

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East Charlotte Drainage District—Water Use Permit

On November 14, 2025, SWFWMD issued a notice of intended agency action letter approving a WUP modification (No. 2689.022) for East Charlotte Drainage District (“ECDD”) for agricultural and mining/dewatering uses. The WUP modification adds a new mining and dewatering operation to the WUP, adds 72 acres of proposed mining area to be used for tailwater recovery ponds, revises the crop plan, and adds additional groundwater quantities for the new mining operation. The WUP modification authorizes an annual average quantity of 2.7671 mgd and peak month quantity of 19.966 mgd. It states that the authorized quantities have not changed from the previous permit but that there is an increase in surface water withdrawals of 0.1135 mgd.

On January 23, 2026, ECDD submitted an application (No. 2689.023) to SWFWMD for a renewal and modification of the above WUP. The application requests to renew the WUP and modify it to: 1) update the WUP boundary to reflect area controlled by the ECDD; 2) revise the crop plan to reflect the updated WUP boundary and modify a portion of irrigated area from citrus to row crops; 3) establish a new 51.44 acre dewatering operation on parcels controlled by Bermont Properties, LLC to be used as a future agricultural irrigation reservoir; and 4) propose new dewatering annual average and peak month groundwater quantities for the proposed excavation based on water entrained in product to be transported offsite. The application states that no changes are proposed to currently authorized annual average groundwater quantities aside from the re-allocation of quantities from two capped wells—however, the application forms request a total annual average allocation of 3.089 mgd (the current WUP is for 2.7671 mgd). The application explains that the proposed increase of supplemental irrigation quantities as a result of the crop plan modification will be provided solely through the use of surface water, and that groundwater allocations for both peak month and crop protection quantities are proposed to decrease

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significantly compared to currently authorized quantities. On February 10, 2026, SWFWMD issued a RAI to ECDD.

The permit use is in Charlotte County and located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and Peace River basin.

City of Davenport—Water Use Permit

On October 7, 2025, SWFWMD received a WUP renewal and modification application (No. 5750.013) from the City of Davenport. The modification application requests to renew the permit for a term of 10 years, add 2 new wells to the permit, and to increase the total annual average allocation from 3.00 mgd to 4.05 mgd and the peak month allocation from 3.99 mgd to 5.3865 mgd. The increase in allocation is based on increased demand due to development growth. On November 5, 2025, SWFWMD issued a RAI to the applicant that requested an updated demand calculation, groundwater models, and impact analysis, as well as other information. On February 2, 2026, the City of Davenport submitted a partial response to the RAI. The deadline for completing the response to the RAI has been extended to May 4, 2026. The WUP is for public supply uses in Polk County and is located in the Green Swamp and Peace River basins.

Mink Associates I, LLC—Water Use Permit

On October 17, 2025, SWFWMD received a WUP modification application (No. 7811.015) from Mink Associates I, LLC. The modification application requested to add 3 new wells and to increase the total annual average allocation from 0.142 mgd to 192 mgd and the peak month allocation from 0.371 mgd to 16 mgd. On October 24, 2025, SWFWMD issued a RAI requesting additional information regarding the “substantive increase” in allocation. Responses to the RAI clarified that the requested annual average allocation is only 0.1498 mgd and requested peak month allocation is 0.3934 mgd, and are due to a 3.5 acre increase in landscape irrigation. On February 13, 2026, SWFWMD issued a notice of agency

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action approving the WUP modification for an annual average allocation of 0.1498 mgd and peak month allocation of 0.3934 mgd. The WUP is for landscape/recreational uses in Highlands County and is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and the Peace River basin.

Polk County BOCC—Water Use Permits

On February 20, 2026, SWFWMD issued a notice of intended agency action approving a WUP modification application (No. 8054.008) received from Polk County BOCC. The modification adds 2 new wells and redistributes existing permitted allocations from 4 existing wells (that will be decommissioned) to the 2 new wells. The modification does not change the total permitted allocations of 1.373 mgd total annual average and 1.647 mgd peak month allocation. In response to SWFWMD RAIs, Polk County BOCC submitted (in December 2025 and February 2026) additional groundwater modeling as part of the impacts analysis of the proposed redistribution of quantities. The WUP is for public supply uses in Polk County and is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and the Peace River basin.

Jack Paul Properties, Inc.—Water Use Permit

On November 24, 2025, SWFWMD received a WUP modification application (No. 13370.004) from Jack Paul Properties, Inc. The modification application requests to increase the total annual average allocation from 1.478 mgd to 2.364 mgd. The increase in allocation is based on a change in crop type from citrus to sod. On December 11, 2025, SWFWMD issued a RAI to the applicant that requested a water conservation plan, reasonable assurance that the conversion of citrus to sod will not cause adverse impacts to offsite properties, and an impacts analysis as well as other information. On December 16, 2025, the applicant submitted a partial response to the RAI, and on January 22, 2026 a field investigation report was filed after a site visit was conducted. The WUP is for agricultural uses in Desoto County and is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and the Peace River basin.

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Sarasota National CDD—Water Use Permit

On January 5, 2026, SWFWMD received a WUP modification application (No. 20883.002) from the Sarasota National CDD. The primary irrigation source for the project is reclaimed water. During times when reclaimed water is unavailable or insufficient to meet the irrigation demand, the current WUP allows the use of surface water ponds to meet the irrigation demand. The current WUP does not authorize the use of any groundwater. The application states that the surface water ponds do not have the capacity to provide the full irrigation water demands when reclaimed water is not available. The modification application requests to add a 90-day backup supply of groundwater from the Upper Arcadian Aquifer to recharge the dedicated reclaimed water pond when reclaimed water is not available. It also requests to add 4 groundwater wells for the reclaimed water pond recharge, increase the golf course irrigated acreage, and decrease the lawn and landscape irrigated acreage. There is no change to the overall allocation of 0.79 mgd annual average and 2.277 mgd peak month. On January 30, 2026, SWFWMD issued an RAI, which requested, among other items, a revised impact assessment report and supporting modeling. The applicant submitted a partial response to the RAI on February 9, 2026. The WUP is for landscape/recreational uses in Sarasota County and is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area and the Manasota basin.

Haval Farms, LLC—Water Use Permit

On December 15, 2025, SWFWMD received a WUP letter modification application (No. 20955.001) from Haval Farms, LLC. The application requests to transfer 0.9984 mgd from WUP 20955.000 to WUP 13343.005. It states that 0.1764 mgd will be retired to the Floridan aquifer and the remaining 0.822 mgd will be added to the Manatee County Buffalo Creek Well Field WUP 13343.007 to meet increasing demands due to population growth. On January 8, 2026, SWFWMD issued a RAI to the applicant that requested an updated impact assessment and supporting groundwater modeling files, as well as other information. The WUP is for public supply uses in Manatee County and is located in the Most

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Impacted Area (“MIA”) of the Southern Water Use Caution Area (both of the subject WUPs are located within the MIA) and the Manasota basin.

Charlotte County Utilities—Water Use Permit

On December 5, 2024, Charlotte County Utilities Department (“CCUD”) submitted a WUP modification application (WUP No. 08-00129-W) to the South Florida Water Management District (“SFWMD”). The application states it is requesting an allocation of 11,680 million gallons per year and 1,167 maximum million gallons per month for public supply use in Charlotte and Lee Counties. The existing WUP authorized an annual allocation of 372 million gallons and a maximum monthly allocation of 93 million gallons. On January 31, 2025, SFWMD issued a RAI to CCUD, which included comments from SFWMD as well. The deadline for responding to the RAI was extended to December 27, 2025. On December 17 and 19, 2025, CCUD submitted additional information in response to the RAI. Additionally, on January 13, 2026, CCUD submitted a technical memorandum to provide supporting documents and information for the updated population and demand projection methodology pursuant to the RAI. The January 13, 2026 memorandum states that based on the projected population and demand discussed therein, and the shortened permit duration from 50 to 30 years, the CCUD is requesting an annual average daily allocation of 7.17 mgd and maximum monthly allocation of 261.56 million gallons.

On March 2, 2026, CCUD agreed to a time extension waiver for an additional 90 days for the SFWMD and SFWMD to finalize an interagency agreement regarding this WUP application and to allow sufficient time for CCUD to review and comment on the WUP documents before issuance by SFWMD.