



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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Dr. Mehran Ghazvini
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Via email drmehranmd@gmail.com

RE: Permit IND-073-285467-2, Dove Pond Regional Stormwater Management System at
Canopy PUD
Rule Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code

Dear Dr. Ghazvini:

Thank you for the opportunity to allow District staff to review your inspection records. Based on District records and the recent review of your inspection records, Dove Pond appears to be functioning as designed and permitted.

As noted on the Association of State Dam Safety Officials website, "All dams have some seepage as the impounded water seeks paths of least resistance through the dam and its foundation." This is in alignment with the 2010 Ardaman and Associates Report of Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation for the Dove Pond Earth Dam which indicates that "Any earth structure expounding water will experience seepage to down-gradient areas." Included in the design for the original permit was a sand blanket toe drain to safely relieve excess pore pressure on the lower back slope of the dam as well as a float structure designed to hydrate the isolated wetland in Miccosukee Greenway. Seepage is normal, and according to the Ardaman and Associates Report, it could take years for the Dove Pond steady-state seepage to fully develop. According to the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Design of Small Dams, seepage through embankments and the progress of percolation of reservoir water through the core depends on the constancy of the reservoir level, the magnitudes of permeability of the core material, and time. Seepage that is channelized is problematic. There is no evidence of problematic seepage. If problematic seepage or piping is identified during your future inspections by a registered professional, please contact the District.

With hurricane season approaching, please pay close attention to the forecast track of a hurricane or tropical event, as well as forecast rainfall totals as you may need to evaluate the need to lower the water level or drain down the reservoir in preparation of the approaching storm. Prior to discharging, please contact us. Do not force gates or other drainage structures that have rusted shut. If a gate structure is stuck, please use alternate means to lower the water level, which may include the use of a siphon or pump such as the pump system included in the 2019 permit modification to draw down the pond in an emergency situation.

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Please be aware that the operation and maintenance requirements of the permit remain in effect. Your implementation of the operation and maintenance provisions of the permit will prolong the structural integrity of the facility and help protect the water resources of the District. If you plan to sell or have already sold the property, please advise the District of the new owner so that the permit transfer forms can be processed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (850) 951-4660.

Sincerely,



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