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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Subcommittee on Energy
and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
186 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Subcommittee on Energy
and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
125 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Feinstein,

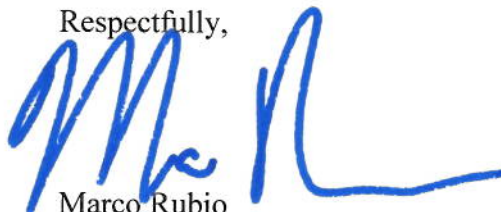
I write to formally request language to deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Project be included in the fiscal year 2016 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

As you may know, water management is an important issue for Florida. For this reason, nearly twenty years ago, the Ten Mile Creek reservoir was proposed for the treatment and storage of water. Since its inception, the project has faced numerous issues, and as a result of a deficiency in the concrete lining, remains nonoperational.

Not only is this critical tool going unused, it remains on the Federal docket unnecessarily. To remedy this, the South Florida Water Management District has requested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek and extinguish any real estate certifications associated with the project. They are in a position to take full ownership and responsibility for converting the project into a functional facility that is desperately needed. It is my understanding the Army Corps is supportive of this request, but to accomplish this goal, Congressional action is required.

As there is much support from all stakeholders, I respectfully request language that would deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek Project at no cost to the taxpayer be included in the fiscal year 2016 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



Marco Rubio
United States Senator