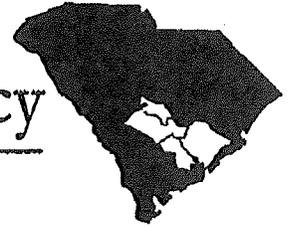


# Attachment E

## Letters and Statements of Support from Associated Non-Federal Interests

# Lake Marion Regional Water Agency



P.O.Box 2946101 M/C A204 ♦ Moncks Corner, S.C. 29461  
November 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

Please find enclosed the Proposal for Modification from LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE, SC PROJECT (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMRWA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress.

The Lake Marion Regional Water Authority (LMRWA) is a joint multi-county water system in the eastern portion of the State of South Carolina along the Interstate 95 and Interstate 26 corridors. It was created to provide the region's citizens with potable water. It also will replace the individual well systems throughout that region of the state.

Lakes Marion and Moultrie, SC – LMRWA, is authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) for wastewater treatment, water treatment, water supply, and water distribution systems in an economically-disadvantaged area of South Carolina. This regional project has been possible by strong collaboration and cooperation of numerous public and private stakeholders – the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper, government and non-government entities, business and industry and many concerned groups and individual citizens. Through a phased approach, these collaborative efforts address critical infrastructure needs that face the I-95 Corridor area of South Carolina.

**A Modification to the existing authorization for LMRWA's multi-county water supply treatment and distribution system is requested in order to achieve continued phasing toward the fully-intended operating system.**

Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project toward completion.

Sincerely,

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Johnnie Wright, Sr.  
Chairman

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-14

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION  
TO THE CURRENT FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE,  
SOUTH CAROLINA, PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, As a result of a strong partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper and many other State and local entities, Federal funding was authorized for the Lakes Marion and Moultrie, South Carolina project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority); and

**WHEREAS**, The Lake Marion Regional Water Authority completed the 8,000,000 gallon-per-day Water Treatment Plant in Santee, South Carolina in 2008. Currently, the plant and transmission lines serve the following communities:

In Orangeburg County: Bowman, Santee, Ellore and Vance

In Calhoun County: Lower Calhoun along Lake Marion

In Dorchester County: Harleyville (contract awarded September 24, 2014); and

**WHEREAS**, the current Federal authorization was insufficient to complete the Northern Reach to serve Clarendon County and Sumter County, the St. George Reach to serve Dorchester County, and the Southern Reach to serve Colleton County; therefore the Authority employed a strategy to serve the greatest number of customers and deliver the maximum volume of water. This strategy is accomplished by moving forward with the East Orangeburg County-Dorchester County Reach. This Reach provides water to Holly Hill and allows Dorchester County, currently not served, to receive water in Harleyville; and

**WHEREAS**, the requested Modification is needed to provide environmentally safe water and at the same time to support economic development and job creation by connecting the industrial parks in Calhoun, Orangeburg, and Dorchester Counties to a sustainable source of water. This connection provides underserved communities in those counties with a reliable source of clean water to improve health and environmental conditions. To improve public safety and ISO ratings, water of a sufficient volume and pressure will be provided to support fire suppression; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish these goals, the Authority proposes the following:

Extension of transmission lines to serve Eastman and the US Highway 176 corridor and associated industrial development in Calhoun County;

Extension of transmission lines to serve the Bowman area, Vance, and the US Highway 176 corridor in Orangeburg County;

Extension of the Harleyville Reach in Dorchester County to the Shady Grove Community near I-95 and US Highway 178, the Winding Woods Industrial Park and St. George Community near I-95 and US Highway 78, and the Ridgeville Commerce Park near SC Highway 27 and US Highway 78 and I-26;

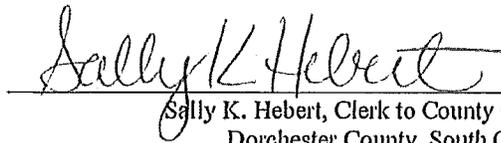
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2014, that  
Dorchester County Council supports the request for Modification to the current Federally  
Authorized Lake Marion and Moultrie, South Carolina Project (Lake Marion Regional Water  
Authority).

**DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**



William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman, County Council  
Dorchester County, South Carolina

Attest:



Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to County Council  
Dorchester County, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-11-10- 18

COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION  
TO THE CURRENT FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE,  
SOUTH CAROLINA, PROJECT**

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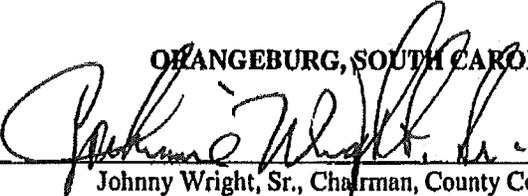
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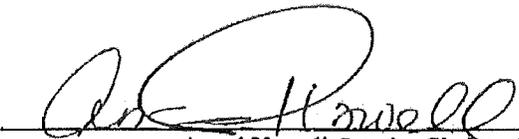
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, This 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, that Orangeburg County Council supports the request for Modification to the current Federally Authorized Lake Marion and Moultrie, South Carolina Project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority).

ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

  
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Johnny Wright, Sr., Chairman, County Council  
Orangeburg County, South Carolina

Attest:

  
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Angel Howell, Interim Clerk to Council  
Orangeburg County, South Carolina

**CALHOUN COUNTY  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

**RESOLUTION**

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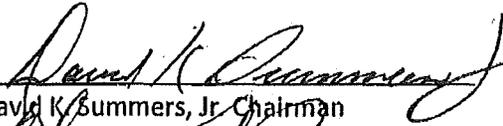
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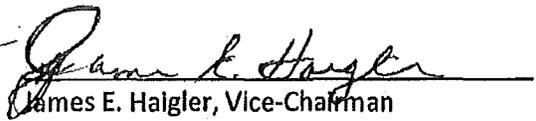
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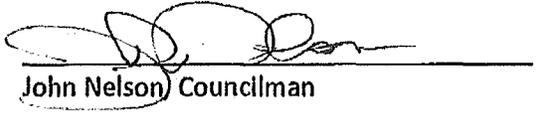
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, that Calhoun County Council supports the request for Modification to the current Federally-authorized Lake Marion and Moultrie, South Carolina project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority).

  
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David K. Summers, Jr. Chairman

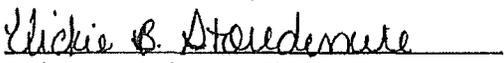
  
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James E. Hargler, Vice-Chairman

  
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Cecil Thornton, Councilman

  
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John Nelson, Councilman

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Pamela Claxton, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

  
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Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council





## CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL

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November 18, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army, Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

I write to endorse the Proposal for Modification of the LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE, SC PROJECT (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMWRA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress.

The LMRWA was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 for wastewater treatment, water treatment, water supply, and water distribution systems in a multi-county, economically-disadvantaged area of South Carolina. It is an integral and key part of a large, regional and strategic infrastructure improvement effort in South Carolina designed to improve significantly the human and environmental conditions in the region and enhance the local, state and national economies through efficient transport and distribution of goods throughout the U.S. This regional project – and its Federal funding – have been made possible by the strong collaboration and cooperation of numerous public and private stakeholders – the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper, government and non-government entities, business and industry and many other concerned groups and individual citizens.

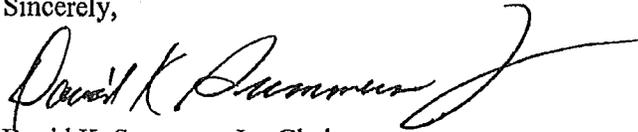
To the extent of the current authorization, LMRWA is enhancing the quality of life in a good portion of this decades-long underserved region by providing safe and reliable drinking water; improving other health, environmental and safety conditions; stabilizing water rates; leveraging public and private partnerships; and improving infrastructure to support economic development and job creation. However, the project is not complete. There still exist many more disadvantaged communities in the region that lack a clean, reliable, sustainable source of water of sufficient volume and pressure to promote good health, protect our environment, support fire suppression and other public safety services, as well as foster economic growth. Furthermore, a comprehensive study was undertaken in 2008 in partnership with the U. S. Economic Development Administration to evaluate numerous intersections along I-26 and I-95 for

infrastructure capacity to support job creation. It was determined that this area, despite its close proximity to the Port of Charleston, is likely the most under-developed junction of primary interstate highway in the Eastern United States.

The Proposal for Modification is to bring the LMRWA multi-county water treatment and distribution system project to its fully-intended phasing. This is essential for the health and safety of the region and its citizens, as well as for the stability and future growth of the I-26/I-95 Corridor and the entire State of South Carolina. Infrastructure developments are underway at the Port of Charleston to prepare our state and nation for post-Panamax shipping opportunities, and this LMRWA Project is complementary to that effort.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

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David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman  
Calhoun County Council