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Dr. Ann Shortelle
St. Johns River Water Management District
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**Subject: Conservation Area Impact Permit Application
Duda (Lake Apopka) Water Storage Improvements
Subject Site Address: 3451 Lust Road
Parcel ID No.: 12-21-27-0000-00-006
Application No.: CAI-20-08-057
Orange County Commission District: 2**

Dear Dr. Shortelle:

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received a request for a permit determination for the subject project along with a copy of the site plans and a project narrative on August 17, 2020. The proposed work consists of raising the elevation and other improvements to an internal levee (Marsh Rabbit Road) and the installation of an internal canal plug within the Duda Property that is part of the Lake Apopka North Shore (LANS) area. The proposed work is part of a larger project to raise water levels within the Duda Property in order to limit phosphorus discharge to Lake Apopka except during extreme storm events as part of the Lake Apopka restoration efforts. The project will also improve operational flexibility for ongoing restoration and future maintenance. This project has been assigned project tracking number CAI-20-08-057.

EPD staff has reviewed the proposed activities and determined that the raising and improvement of the Marsh Rabbit Road levee and the installation of a canal plug comprise *deminimus* conservation area impacts and this work is a continuation of ongoing restoration activities previously approved as "No Permit Required" letters under Conservation Area Impact (CAI) 07-014 and CAI-19-06-030. Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Section 15-376, the proposed activities have been determined to not materially affect the conservation area in any adverse way; therefore, no permit is required for the proposed activities.

If you should have any questions concerning this review, please contact me at (407) 836-1496 or Karen.Garrett-Kraus@ocfl.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Garrett-Kraus".

Karen Garrett-Kraus
Senior Environmental Specialist

KGK/NT/TMH for/DJ: gfdjr

C: Rebecca Trudeau, St. Johns River Water Management District, rtrudeau@sjrwmd.com