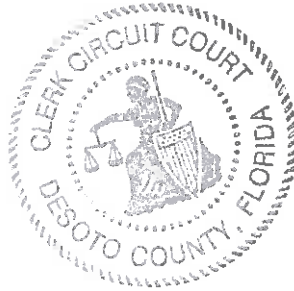


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**SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE
PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

THIS SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY ("Agreement"), entered into this 5th day of October, 2005, by and between CHARLOTTE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Charlotte"); DESOTO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("DeSoto"); MANATEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Manatee"); and SARASOTA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Sarasota") (collectively, the "Counties").

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WHEREAS, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota find it is in the public interest and welfare to enter into this Second Amended Interlocal Agreement relating to the governance of the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (“Authority”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority was first established by Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota and Hardee Counties on February 26, 1982 through an Interlocal Agreement entered on the same date (the “1982 Interlocal”); and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hardee County’s withdrawal from the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota entered into a new Interlocal Agreement, which superseded the 1982 Interlocal and reestablished the Authority on February 1, 1984 (the “1984 Interlocal”); and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1991, the Counties entered into that certain “Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority” (the “1991 Interlocal”), which superseded the 1984 Interlocal and incorporated the commitments made by the Counties in the Memorandum of Intent, attached as Exhibit “C” to the 1991 Interlocal; and

WHEREAS, in order to more effectively address the responsibilities and obligations of the Counties with respect to the growth and development of a regional water supply, the Counties desire to enter into this Second Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, which shall supersede and replace the 1991 Interlocal; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota wish to set forth this Agreement among themselves with respect to the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

pursuant to the provisions of Section 373.1962, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized and found by the Counties that the provision of potable water and the protection of water resources can best be accomplished by maintaining a regional water supply authority whose primary function shall be to ensure future water supply and the development, recovery, storing and supplying of water resources for county or municipal purposes in such a manner as will give priority to encouraging conservation and reducing adverse environmental effects of excessive or improper withdrawals of water from concentrated areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, which shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement, and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereafter set forth, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota intending to be legally bound hereby agree as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS.** In the absence of a clear implication otherwise, capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1. **Authority.** The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority.
- 1.2. **Authority Board.** The Authority's governing body.
- 1.3. **Authority Water Supply Facilities.** All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery facilities, water transmission mains, any future expansion of said facilities and appurtenant or associated installations owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Authority and used for the supply of potable water.

1.4. Capital Component Charge. For any Contract Year, the charge established by resolution of the Authority for payment to Charlotte for the transfer of the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility. The Capital Component Charge shall be assessed pursuant to the Master Water Supply Contract.

1.5. Contract Year. The period between execution of the Contract and September 30, 2005, and each fiscal year of the Authority (beginning on each October 1, and ending on the immediately following September 30) thereafter during the term of this Contract.

1.6. Customer(s). Manatee, DeSoto, Charlotte, Sarasota and the City of North Port.

1.7. Debt Service Cost. For any Contract Year, all costs including reserve or coverage requirement, if any, incurred by the Authority during such Contract Year in connection with the Authority Water Supply Facilities for principal payments, Capital Component Charge, interest payments, redemption premiums, if any, and service charges with respect to payment of Obligations.

1.8. Director. A Member's appointed representative on the Authority Board.

1.9. Exclusive Provider Customer. A subset of Customers that designate the Authority as the exclusive provider of new potable water in the Master Water Supply Contract or similar agreement. Generally, the Exclusive Provider Customer agrees not to develop any additional Water Supply Sources unless the Authority and the Exclusive Provider Customer mutually agree to enter into a joint project to develop a new Water Supply Source. The Exclusive Provider Customer may sell or transfer any or all of its existing Water Supply Facilities to the Authority, but shall not sell or transfer existing Water Supply Facilities otherwise. The Exclusive Provider Customer shall be irrevocably committed to pay for the Water Allocation assigned to it by the Authority. If the Exclusive Provider Customer meets its

payment obligations under the Master Water Supply Contract or similar agreement, the Authority shall have the absolute and unequivocal obligation to develop and provide potable water to the Customer based upon its permissible future potable water demand.

1.10. Financing Documents. Any resolution or resolutions of the Authority, as well as any indenture of trust, trust agreement or similar document relating to the issuance or security of the Obligations.

1.11. Management and Planning Costs. Costs incurred by the Authority for management functions including, but not limited to, keeping records, recording and distribution of minutes, meeting announcements and coordination of respective member staff input and planning functions including but not limited to feasibility studies, planning processes, collecting and analyzing data, identifying and analyzing potential new Water Supply Sources, and planning related to developing, expanding or interconnecting regional transmission pipelines.

1.12. Master Water Supply Contract. The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract executed concurrently with this Agreement and as may be amended in the future.

1.13. Member(s). Members of the Authority. This term refers jointly to Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota.

1.14. Obligation(s). A series of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, including but not limited to, Financing Documents, notes, commercial paper, capital leases or any other debt of the Authority issued or incurred.

1.15. Operating and Maintenance Cost. For any Contract Year, all costs budgeted and reserves established by the Authority for operating, maintaining and securing the Authority Water Supply Facilities during such Contract Year, including, but not limited to: a)

personnel, staffing and operating costs of the Authority related to the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; b) the general and administrative costs of the Authority related to the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; c) minor capital expenditures of the Authority for items such as tools, parts, and other equipment and vehicles necessary for the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; and d) all costs incurred in obtaining and maintaining the Permits for the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

1.16. Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility (“the 1991 Facility”). All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, buildings, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage facilities and appurtenant or associated facilities located in DeSoto and Sarasota, which were transferred by Charlotte to the Authority pursuant to that certain “Acquisition Agreement” dated May 21st, 1991 by and among the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and any expansion of said facilities undertaken pursuant to that certain “Peace River Water Supply Contract” dated May 21st, 1991 by and among the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota. The foregoing notwithstanding, this term shall not include the construction, acquisition or use of any groundwater production wells. “Groundwater production wells” shall not include facilities withdrawing water from the Peace River through the use of horizontal wells not more than 50 feet deep or aquifer storage and recovery wells.

1.17. Permits. All licenses, permits, authorizations or other approvals from any government or governmental agency, whether federal, state, regional or local, necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, expansion and operation of Water Supply Facilities and Water Supply Sources, including but not limited to any general water use permit, temporary

water use permit or individual water use permit issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District or any entity.

1.18. Quorum. A Quorum shall consist of any three (3) Directors out of the four (4) Directors currently comprising the Authority Board.

1.19. Regional Water System. All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, buildings, treatment system, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoir(s), aquifer storage and recovery facilities and appurtenant or associated facilities owned by Authority, excluding the Regional Transmission System.

1.20. SWFWMD. The Southwest Florida Water Management District.

1.21. Water Allocation. The portion of the Regional Water System allotted to a Customer pursuant to the Master Water Supply Contract.

1.22. Water Supply Facilities. All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery facilities, water transmission mains, any future expansion of said facilities and appurtenant or associated installations owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota or the Authority and used for the provision of potable water supply.

1.23. Water Supply Source. Any project, construction, acquisition, transfer or transaction creating a new water source or expanding an existing water source for use by the Authority, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee or DeSoto.

2. **FORMATION**. The Authority was established on February 26, 1982 and has remained in continuous existence since that date. The Authority was created pursuant to Sections 373.196, 373.1962 and 163.01, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law.

3. **TERRITORY.** The geographic territory of the Authority consists of all of DeSoto County, Florida, Manatee County, Florida and Sarasota County, Florida and that portion of Charlotte County, Florida located within the territorial boundaries of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

4. **AUTHORITY BOARD.** All powers, privileges and duties vested in or imposed on the Authority shall be exercised and performed by and through a governing body in accordance with the following:

4.1. **Name.** The governing body of the Authority shall be designated and known as the Authority Board.

4.2. **Composition of the Authority Board.** The Authority Board shall be composed of the Member representatives of the Authority. Each Member shall duly appoint one Director to the Authority Board. Such appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the appointing Member and shall be a member of the appointing Member's Board of County Commissioners. A Member may appoint an alternate Director to the Authority Board and such alternate shall have the power to vote in the absence of the primary designated Director. Alternate Directors do not have to be members of the appointing Member's Board of County Commissioners. Appointments to the Authority Board shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing Member.

4.3. **Voting Procedure.** All votes on questions, orders, resolutions, regulations, budgets or other decisions coming before the Authority Board shall be conducted as follows:

4.3.1. Each Member shall have one vote to be exercised by the Director or the alternate Director.

4.3.2. No Member shall use its authority under this Section to impede the Authority's ability to operate the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

4.3.3. A majority vote of the Members shall be necessary for any Authority Board action.

4.4. Authority Board Officers. The Authority Board shall elect one Director as chairman and one Director as vice-chairman. The chairman shall preside at Authority Board meetings and shall execute all contracts and other legal documents on behalf of the Authority. The chairman shall be elected for the term of one (1) year. If the chairman shall cease to be a Director or shall for any reason be unable to serve as chairman, a successor shall be elected by the Authority Board for the unexpired portion of the term. The vice-chairman shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and shall assume all of the duties of the chairman in his/her absence. If neither the chairman nor vice-chairman is in attendance or both are unwilling or unable to chair a meeting at which a Quorum is present, the Authority Board may elect a chairman pro-tem for the duration of that meeting.

4.5. Power of the Authority Board. All powers, privileges and duties vested in or upon the Authority shall be exercised and performed by and through the Authority Board in accordance with this Section; provided, however, the exercise of any and all executive, administrative and ministerial powers may be delegated by the Authority Board to any of its officers, staff, employees, agents or designees, which delegation may be redelegated or withdrawn by the Authority Board. The Authority Board shall fix and publish to the Members the time and place or places at which its regular meetings shall be held, and shall provide for the calling and holding of special meetings at the request of any Member upon appropriate notice.

The Authority Board shall adopt rules, regulations, resolutions and orders for conducting its business.

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4.6. Compensation of Directors. Directors shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

5. GENERAL POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY. In addition to and supplementing any other privileges, benefits and powers granted by Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the Authority shall have the following powers and duties:

5.1. The right to exercise any and all provisions or powers granted to the Authority by Section 373.1962, Florida Statutes, said provisions being incorporated by reference herein, and whatever rules, regulations, resolutions, by-laws, and organization necessary to perform the intended functions of the Authority. The procedures for conducting any elections or referenda required and the qualifications of an elector shall be as provided by Chapters 97 through 106, Florida Statutes, known as "The Florida Election Code;" and

5.2. The full and complete right to contract; and

5.3. The authority to prescribe, fix, maintain, and regulate fees, charges, or rents for the use of any of the Authority facilities or services by persons or things at the discretion of the Authority Board; and

5.4. The right to lease, as lessor or leasee, to or from any person, firm, corporation association or body, public or private, facilities or property of any nature for the use of the Authority to carry out any of the purposes authorized by this Agreement; and

5.5. The right to acquire land, submerged lands and properties, real or personal or interests therein by purchase, gift, or otherwise, and to hold or dispose of same upon such

terms and conditions as the Authority Board shall deem necessary and prudent and to improve such land or lands so acquired in any manner which promotes or has a tendency to promote the public good of the region and which relate to the duties and authority specified in this Agreement; and

5.6. The right to exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by law for the condemnation of real property for public use, to acquire title to such interest in real property as is necessary to the exercise of the powers herein granted, except any property held by a Member; and

5.7. The right to apply for and receive Permits; and

5.8. The authority to borrow money, issue bonds and other types of securities, mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber any of the Authority's property or assets upon terms and conditions to be determined by the Authority Board. This power shall be full and complete in all respects in order to promote, construct, accomplish, maintain, and operate any of the public purposes or projects enumerated in this Section; provided, however, that the power to borrow money and issue water revenue bonds shall be limited to requiring only those parties who voluntarily consent to pay back any borrowed money or pledge their water revenue to the payment of any issued Authority bonds; and

5.9. The right to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations or procedures pertaining to the use, acquisition, maintenance, development, operation, or disposal of any of the services, facilities, or projects enumerated or authorized in this Section; and

5.10. The right to acquire, to do, and to perform all things enumerated in this Section separately or in conjunction with a county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state whether the same is within or without the territorial limits of the Authority; and

5.11. The authority to employ a staff and such other technical assistants and other employees as the Authority Board shall determine to be necessary; and

5.12. The right to conduct and pay for studies, plans, and designs to effectuate the purpose of the Authority, which action may include, but is not limited to, work plans for providing existing or new water supply and for expansion, staffing plans, and financing plans as provided pursuant to this Agreement; and

5.13. The right to enter into interlocal agreements or other contracts with public or private entities, if necessary, for the purpose of selling or purchasing water; and

5.14. The right to produce and supply water on a regional basis; provided, however, the Authority shall not engage in local distribution of water; and

5.15. The right to enter into contracts with public or private entities for provision of assistance in planning, financing and constructing any and all facilities and services as determined appropriate and desirable by the Authority Board; provided however, the Authority shall not enter into any management contract with respect to Authority Water Supply Facilities, which jeopardizes the tax exempt status of any revenue bonds issued by Members regarding said facilities; and

5.16. The right to secure funding and to contract for appropriate engineering and financial feasibility studies to evaluate the applicability of the Authority assuming responsibility for the production and supply of water on a regional basis or to further effectuate the purposes of the Authority; and

5.17. The right to maintain an office at such place or places within the territorial boundary of the Authority as the Authority Board may designate; and

5.18. The right to employ and compensate such personnel, consultants and technical and professional assistants as the Authority Board shall deem necessary to exercise the Authority's powers and to perform the duties set forth in this Agreement; and

5.19. The right to accept and receive, utilize or expand, in furtherance of its functions, funds, grants, and services from the federal government or its agencies, from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of state, municipal, county, or other local governments, or from private or civic sources; and

5.20. The right to invest any surplus money in the Authority treasury, including such money in any sinking fund or other fund established for the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal or interest of any bonded or other indebtedness or for any other purpose, not required for the immediate necessities of the Authority, in its bond, or in treasury notes, or bonds, of the United States, or of this state, and such investment may be made by direct purchase of any issue of such bonds, or treasury notes, or part thereof, at the original sale of the same, or by subsequent purchase of such bonds or treasury notes. Any bonds or treasury notes thus purchased and held may from time to time, be sold and the proceeds reinvested in bonds or treasury notes, as above provided. Sales of any bonds or treasury notes thus purchased and held shall, from time to time, be made in season so that the proceeds may be applied to the purposes for which the money, with which the bonds or treasury notes were originally purchased, were placed in the treasury of the Authority; and

5.21. The right to have and exercise such powers as are reasonably implied herefrom and necessary and proper to carry out the objectives and purposes of the Authority; and

5.22. The right to provide other services as may be agreed upon by the Members through amendment of this Agreement.

6. **FUNDING FOR MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING.** It is acknowledged that Management and Planning Costs of the Authority may be obtained from the Customers in a manner determined by the Authority Board, and that additional funds available for Management and Planning Costs shall be sought by the Authority from the federal and state government, including but not limited to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Basin Boards of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and appropriate utilities and agencies.

7. **EXISTING OPERATION.** The Customers shall have a preferential right to purchase water from the Authority.

8. **PROVISION OF NEW WATER SUPPLY.** The Authority will develop new potable water supply for Customers as set forth in the Master Water Supply Contract and paid for by the Customer in advance, or the Authority may finance the required funds based upon the Customer's irrevocable commitment to pay the required amount contained in the Master Water Supply Contract or similar agreement.

8.1. Election of Exclusive Provider Status. A Customer's election to become an Exclusive Provider Customer shall be declared in the Master Water Supply Contract. The Master Water Supply Contract provides the specific guideline for implementation of this Section.

8.2. Customer Consent. Pursuant to Section 22 of the Master Water Supply Contract, the Authority must have the written consent of the governing body of a Customer in whose jurisdiction the Authority intends to expand, acquire, develop, construct or operate new Authority Water Supply Facilities.

9. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AUTHORITY. A Member may withdraw from the Authority only upon giving the other Members one hundred and eighty (180) days prior written notice of its intention to withdraw. Any Member who withdraws from the Authority shall continue to be responsible for any financial or contractual obligations it has specifically assumed while a Member of the Authority, including but not limited to the withdrawing Member's obligations under the Master Water Supply Contract and any subsequent amendments, contracts or agreements between the Members and the Authority.

10. NEW MEMBERS. Admission of new Members to the Authority and any amendment of this Agreement to reflect said new Members shall be by unanimous vote of the Authority Board.

11. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended in writing executed by all the then current Authority Members in the same manner as this Agreement.

12. PRIOR AGREEMENTS. All negotiations, proposals and agreements prior to the date of this Agreement, including but not limited to the Interlocal Agreement of February 26, 1982, the Interlocal Agreement of February 1, 1984, the Memorandum of Intent and the Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority dated May 21, 1991 are superseded. This Agreement shall constitute the entire interlocal agreement of the Members with respect to the formation, general powers and general obligations of the Authority. The foregoing notwithstanding, this Agreement shall not supersede the Master Water Supply Contract which shall be read in pari material with this Agreement.

13. BUDGETS. The Authority shall establish its budgets in the following manner:

13.1. Tentative Budgets. The Authority shall establish a tentative budget no later than May 15, for the ensuing Contract Year. The tentative budget shall include all

anticipated expenditures of the Authority for its projects and activities for the ensuing Contract Year, including Operating and Maintenance Cost, Management and Planning Costs, and Debt Service Cost. As part of the budget process, the Authority shall adopt rates, fees, and charges to generate sufficient revenue to pay all budgeted expenditures on a water user basis for Authority Water Supply Facilities. Membership fees and rates shall be established annually and adopted by resolution at the time of budget adoption.

13.2. Final Budgets. The Authority shall establish a final budget and corresponding rate resolution no later than August 15 for the ensuing Contract Year. The final budget shall include all anticipated expenditures of the Authority for its projects and activities for the ensuing Contract Year, including, but not necessarily limited to, Operating and Maintenance Cost, Management and Planning Costs, and Debt Service Cost.

13.3. Budget Adoption Procedure. The Authority's tentative budget shall be adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with normal notice and procedure requirements applicable to such meeting. The Authority's final budget shall be adopted at a public hearing preceded by published notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of each of the Authority's Members. This notice shall be published one time only at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing. Additionally, the Authority shall provide copies of the tentative budget and all supporting documentation to its Members at least thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing. The public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to address the Authority Board.

13.4. Audit. At the close of each Contract Year, the Authority shall have an audit performed of all of its accounts by an independent certified public accounting firm.

14. **DEFAULT AND REMEDY.** The Members agree the sole remedy for a breach of this Agreement shall be specific performance. However, nothing in this Section shall limit the Authority's remedies to recover payments due for the provision of water pursuant to the Master Water Supply Contract.

15. **DISSOLUTION OR MODIFICATION OF THE AUTHORITY.** Should the Authority be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent or dissolved by law or other proceeding, or transferred or assigned to another governmental agency or body, or if the Legislature of the State of Florida changes (a) the composition of the current Members of the Authority or (b) the method of determining the composition of the Members of the Authority or the Directors of the Authority Board, other than as set forth in this Agreement, then the Authority Water Supply Facilities and shall be transferred by operation of law to those Members holding a Water Allocation in the Authority Water Supply Facilities in proportion to the sum of all Water Allocations in their boundaries under the Master Water Supply Contract; provided, the Members receiving any ownership interests in the Authority Water Supply Facilities shall continue making payments, when due, on their applicable portion, as computed directly above, of any and all Obligations.

16. **RECLASSIFICATION OF THE PEACE RIVER.** The Authority shall not use its formation or existence as grounds for requesting the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to reclassify all or any portion of the Peace River as an Outstanding National Resource Water, an Outstanding Florida Water or Class I Water as those terms are defined and used in Florida Administrative Code.

17. **APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE.** The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement and venue for any suit involving this Agreement shall be in Hillsborough County, Florida.

18. **ASSIGNMENT.** No assignment, delegation, transfer or novation of this Agreement or any part thereof shall be made unless approved in writing by all Members.

19. **NOTICES.** All notices, demands, requests and other communications hereunder shall be deemed sufficient and properly given, if in writing and delivered in person to the following address or sent by certified or registered mail or by overnight delivery, postage prepaid with return receipt requested, at such addresses; provided, if such notices, demands, requests or other communications are sent by mail, they shall be deemed as given on the third day following such mailing which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which United States mail is not delivered: the Authority Executive Director's Office, the Charlotte County Administrator's Office, the DeSoto County Administrator's Office, the Manatee County Administrator's Office and the Sarasota County Administrator's Office. The Authority or any Member may, by like notice, designate any further or different address to which subsequent notices shall be sent. Any notices hereunder signed on behalf of the notifying party by a duly authorized attorney at law shall be valid and effective to the same extent as if signed on behalf of such party by a duly authorized officer or employee.

20. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute any Member as a partner or joint venturer, or to create any fiduciary relationship among the Members.

21. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** No right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, or for the benefit of any person not expressly named as a party in this

Agreement, except for any bond holders and/or credit enhancers relating to revenue bonds issued with respect to Authority Water Supply Facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Authority.

22. WAIVER. Unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of this Agreement, no delay or failure to exercise a right resulting from any breach of this Agreement shall impair such right or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. Any waiver shall be in writing and signed by the party granting such waiver. If any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement is breached by any party and thereafter waived by another party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular breach so waived and shall not be deemed to waive, either expressly or impliedly, any other breach under this Agreement.

23. SECTION CAPTIONS AND REFERENCES. The section headings and captions contained herein are included for convenience only and shall not be considered part of this Agreement or affect in any manner its construction or interpretation. Except as otherwise indicated, all references herein to sections are to sections of this Agreement.

24. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall, for any reason, be determined invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith and agree to such amendments, modifications or supplements of this Agreement or such other appropriate actions as shall, to the maximum extent practicable in the light of such determination implement and give effect to the intentions of the parties as reflected herein, and the other provisions of this Agreement, as amended, modified, supplemented or otherwise affected by such action, shall remain in full force and effect.

25. **ATTORNEYS FEES AND COST.** In the event there is a breach of this Agreement and it becomes necessary for any party to employ the services of an attorney either to enforce the Agreement or pursue other remedies, with litigation or adversarial administrative proceedings, the losing party or parties shall pay to the successful party or parties reasonable attorney's fees and such reasonable costs and expenses as are incurred in enforcing the Agreement or pursuing other remedies.

26. **FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Members each shall use all reasonable efforts to provide such information, execute such further instruments and documents and take actions as may be reasonably requested by another party and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement and not involving the assumption of obligations or liabilities different from, in excess of or in addition to those expressly provided for in this Agreement to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

27. **CONSENTS.** To the extent the consent of any party to this Agreement is required as a condition to the action of other parties, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

28. **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS.** This Agreement shall be executed in fifteen (15) duplicate originals, any of which shall be regarded for all purposes as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. A true and correct copy of this Agreement and any subsequent amendments shall be recorded with the clerk of the circuit court in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

29. **SOVERIGN IMMUNITY.** The Members intend to avail themselves of the benefits of Sections 768.28 and 163.01(9)(c), Florida Statutes, and of other statutes and common law governing sovereign immunity to the fullest extent possible. In accordance with Section 163.01(5)(o), Florida Statutes, the Members are not jointly liable for the torts of the officers or

employees of the Authority, or any other tort attributable to the Authority, and that only the Authority shall be liable for torts attributable to it or for torts of its officers or employees, and then only to the extent of the waiver of sovereign immunity or limitation of liability specified in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The Members intend the Authority to have all the privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances, rules and common law which apply to the municipalities and counties of the State of Florida. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to inure to the benefit of any third-party for the purposes of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

30. AMBIGUITY. The parties agree that each one has played an equal part in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement, and in the event of any ambiguity should be asserted or realized in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement, the result of such ambiguity shall be equally assumed and realized by each party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota have executed this Contract on the day, month and year first above written.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:

James D. Hill
Chris Steingard

By: Sara J. Devos
Sara J. Devos, Chairman

Date: 9/29/05

Approved as to form:

Janette S. Knowlton
Attorney for Charlotte County MB
Janette S. Knowlton
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ATTEST:
Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By: Barbara T. Scott
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Sara J. Devos, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Charlotte County, and _____, acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 29th day of September, 2005.

Stacey K. Miller
Notary Public, My
Commission
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Stacey K. Miller
Commission # DD448505
Expires: JULY 07, 2009
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DESOTO COUNTY

WITNESS:

Craig M Coffey
Norma J. Hill

By: Ronald P Neads

Date: September 13, 2005

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

Attorney for DeSoto County

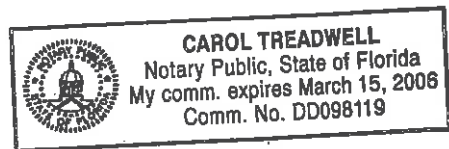
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DESOTO

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, RONALD P. NEADS, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the DeSoto County, and RONALD P. NEADS, acknowledged before me that RONALD P. NEADS, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 14th day of September, 2005.

Carol Treadwell

Notary Public, My
Commission
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Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

MANATEE COUNTY

WITNESS:

By: Tom Gilman

Date: 9/20/05



Approved as to form:
Not applicable
Attorney for Manatee County

ATTEST: R. B. SHORE
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Jessica Roseme

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, _____, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Manatee County, and _____, acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this ____ day of _____, 2005.

Notary Public, My
Commission
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SARASOTA COUNTY

WITNESS:

Kathleen Schneider
Dicie Hanger

By: Paul H. Mercier

Date: 9-28-05



Approved as to form:

Step [Signature]
Attorney for Sarasota County

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, PAUL H. MERCIER, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Sarasota County, and HE, acknowledged before me that HE, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 2005.

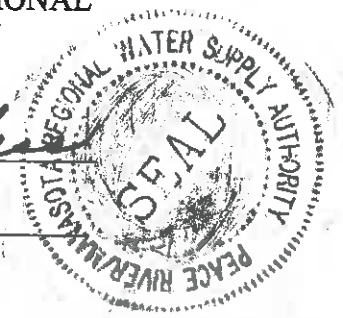
Juan W. Owens
Notary Public, My
Commission
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PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

WITNESS:

Edward Yates
Linda Stewart

By: Patricia M. Glass
Date: October 5, 2005



Approved as to form:
Douglas Mann
Attorney for Peace River/Manasota
Regional Water Supply Authority



STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Patricia M. Glass, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, and Patricia M. Glass, acknowledged before me that Patricia M. Glass, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 5th day of October, 2005.

Edward Yates
Notary Public, My
Commission
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