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July 27, 2026

The Honorable Adam Telle  
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street, NW  
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**Re: City of Fort Myers Yacht Basin Redevelopment, 1300 Lee Street, Fort Myers, Lee  
County, Florida, SAJ-2007-04986**

Dear Assistant Secretary Telle:

I write to respectfully request your assistance in ensuring an expeditious review of the Department of the Army permit application for the reconstruction of the City of Fort Myers Yacht Basin (SAJ-2007-04986), consistent with all applicable laws, regulations, and agency requirements.

The Fort Myers Yacht Basin sustained catastrophic damage during Hurricane Ian in September 2022. Nearly four years later, this critical public waterfront facility remains in a severely compromised condition, and timely reconstruction is essential to restoring safe navigation, protecting public infrastructure, supporting environmental stability along the Caloosahatchee River, and strengthening the long-term resilience of the Fort Myers waterfront.

The yacht basin has long served as an important public access point for recreational boating, transient vessels, waterfront commerce, and public access to the Caloosahatchee River. It supports tourism, local businesses, and the regional economy. Continued delays in completing the federal permitting process not only postpone these public benefits but also increase project costs, prolong navigation and public safety concerns, allow damaged infrastructure to deteriorate further, and delay the City's long-term recovery from Hurricane Ian.

The City of Fort Myers and its marina operator, Suntex Marinas, have worked diligently with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, throughout the permitting process since submitting the application in May 2024. They have continued to respond promptly to agency requests and provide supplemental information as requested. It is my understanding that consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act remains ongoing with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Protected Resources Division, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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With the application now having been under federal review for more than two (2) years, I respectfully request that the Corps take the following actions to facilitate completion of the review process:

1. **Convene an interagency coordination meeting** with representatives of the Department of the Army, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the City of Fort Myers, and Suntex Marinas to identify any remaining issues necessary to complete Endangered Species Act consultation and establish a clear path toward timely completion.
2. **Continue preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Statement of Findings, as appropriate**, so that the Corps is positioned to promptly complete its decision-making process upon conclusion of interagency consultation.
3. **Provide my office with a status update** identifying the remaining steps necessary to complete the federal review process, including any outstanding information or actions required of the applicant or cooperating agencies, along with an estimated timeline for completion.

This project represents a critical component of Southwest Florida's continued recovery from Hurricane Ian and will restore an important public asset that supports navigation, recreation, tourism, economic activity, and community resilience. I respectfully request your personal attention to ensuring that this permit review proceeds as efficiently as possible while satisfying all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for the continued partnership of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the federal resource agencies in supporting the recovery and resilience of Southwest Florida. Should my office be able to assist in facilitating communication or coordination among the participating agencies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

W. Gregory Steube  
Member of Congress