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Re: Proposed Indian Creek Water Supply
Reservoir

Dear Mr. Windom:

This letter is provided in response to your request for clarification regarding the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) January 28, 2016 needs certification for Carroll County Water Authority (CCWA).

The January 28, 2016 letter certified a 2065 unmet municipal and industrial water need within the project's service area of approximately 6 MGD. This certification was provided with the provision that the storage project will be located within the Tallapoosa Basin, and that water withdrawn from the proposed project will be returned to the Tallapoosa Basin to the greatest extent practicable.

EPD supports the proposed project as it will provide much needed additional storage within the Tallapoosa River basin. Additionally, it has the potential to provide regional and basin-specific benefits including improving supply resiliency by helping to address water supply challenges in the basin and low stream flow protection during dry years such as experienced during the 2007-2009 and 2016 droughts. Furthermore, the location of the reservoir will allow CCWA to more closely match supply with demand and thereby minimize interbasin transfers out of the Chattahoochee Basin.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bennett Weinstein at (404) 463-1511.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Dunn, Director
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