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Memorandum

To: Brandon Dunn, Planner
From: Cathy Olson, Conservation 20/20 Senior Supervisor
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Subject: North Olga Community Plan, CPA2009-00002

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Thank you for providing me with a copy of the North Olga Community Plan to review. I have reviewed the document and have the following editorial suggestions and concerns relative to the Conservation 20/20 program.

- The first map (no page number) in the Executive summary needs to be updated. Some of the data are outdated and the Conservation 20/20 preserve should be labeled “Telegraph Creek Preserve”.
- Page 11, 1.1 (and throughout the document) says the eastern boundary is Babcock Preserve. The Lee County portion of the Babcock Ranch Preserve has been renamed Bob Janes Preserve. Please note that all of the Babcock Ranch Preserve within Lee County is owned by Lee County (not the state) and is called Bob Janes Preserve.
- Page 22, 1.6: “state owned Babcock Lands” The state of Florida owns the portion of Babcock Ranch Preserve within Charlotte County and Lee County owns the portion of Babcock Ranch Preserve in Lee County (called Bob Janes Preserve). Recreational opportunities will be provided on the entire preserve in accordance with the Babcock Ranch Preserve Management Plan and Babcock Ranch Recreation Master Plan.
- Page 23, 1.8 Conservation 20/20: The two additional nominations should be updated.
- Page 31, Figure 2.3: I am concerned that “environmental priorities” is near the bottom of the list; that runs counter to the Conservation 20/20 program.
- Page 43, Economic Development: Please note that Conservation 20/20 preserves are managed in accordance with Land Stewardship Plans which balances resource protection and nature based recreation.
- Page 45, “state-owned Babcock Ranch” Please note that all of the Babcock Ranch Preserve within Lee County is owned by Lee County (not the state) and is called Bob Janes Preserve.
- Page 47, Goal 36: replace “county-owned Babcock lands” with “county-owned Bob Janes Preserve”
- Page 49, Policy 36.4.2: All nature based recreation will be balanced with the protection of the natural resources on Conservation 20/20 preserves, thus recreation cannot be maximized. Please soften the word maximize or it runs counter to the Conservation

20/20 program. All recreation will be balanced with the natural resources and addressed in a land stewardship plan.

- Page 51, 36.71 This Objective needs to be softened. Recreational opportunities may not be the highest and best use for Conservation 20/20 lands. Listed species protection, wetland mitigation etc. may be the best use of the land. These sometimes competing items are addressed and balanced within the land stewardship plans.
- Page 59, Policy 36.4.2 All nature based recreation will be balanced with the protection of the natural resources on Conservation 20/20 preserves, thus recreation cannot be maximized. Please soften the word maximize or it runs counter to the Conservation 20/20 program. All nature based recreation will be balanced with the natural resources and addressed in a land stewardship plan. Public meetings are provided during the development of the Land Stewardship Plans for members of the public to provide their input.
- Objective 36.7: It may not always be appropriate to increase public access on Conservation 20/20 land. Please soften and correct “Babcock Ranch”.
- Page 63, Objective 36.7.3: Nature based recreation may not be appropriate for all Conservation 20/20 preserves. Please soften.
- Page 62, 36.7.1 “State owned Babcock Preserve” The portion of Babcock Ranch Preserve in Charlotte County is owned by the state, while the portion of the preserve in Lee County is owned by Lee County and is called Bob Janes Preserve.
- Page 65, 36.8.6 The prescribed fire and smoke management plan is paramount to be able to manage conservation areas and agricultural lands. Land managers, agriculturists and the staff from the Division of Forestry should be able to assist in crafting the plan or at the very least be able to review and comment on the plan.
- Appendices 1 and 3 have errors. Conservation 20/20 staff will be happy to work with the applicant in order to update and correct the figures.

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