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October 18, 2007

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Re: The Fountains Comp Plan Amendment, Request for Continuance

Dear Matt:

Please accept this letter as a Request for Continuance of the October 22 hearing before the LPA for the above-referenced plan amendment. The Applicant would request that this matter be continued until the November 26 meeting of the LPA.

As the basis for this request, the Applicant would submit that the final version of the Fountains MIKE SHE/11 model was just found acceptable by Staff yesterday, and a final Staff recommendation on the groundwater analysis provided by the Applicant has not yet occurred. The Applicant desires to provide sufficient time and opportunity to Staff to fully evaluate and make a recommendation on the aspects of this application pertaining to groundwater. Moreover, as we have discussed in the past and in the previous "informational" presentation to the LPA on this project, we believe it is important not only for the Applicant, but also for the LPA and the County Commission, to have the benefit of Staff's full analysis and recommendation on groundwater, and other, issues associated with this application prior to considering same at a public hearing. The Applicant desires to fully understand Staff's evaluation and recommendation of this application prior to entering a hearing on the matter, and sufficient time would not appear to be available prior to October 22 in order to accomplish this. I would respectfully suggest that a continuance is justified in order to provide sufficient time for Staff to complete its evaluation and finalize its recommendation, and for the Applicant to review same and prepare for hearing.

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Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Schropp

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