STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

In re:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – LAKE OKEECHOBEE DISCHARGE OGC No.: 16-0179

EMERGENCY FINAL ORDER

Under Sections 120.569(2)(n) and 252.46, Florida Statutes ("F.S."), and upon consideration of the State of Florida Executive Order 16-59, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") enters this Emergency Final Order ("Order") in response to the imminent or immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Florida resulting from discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers and estuaries.

Under State of Florida Executive Order No. 16-59, I am authorized to issue this Emergency Final Order. I find that the suspension of statutes and rules as noted within this order is required so as to not prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by the discharges.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 3 of Executive Order 16-59, I hereby suspend any statutes, rules, or agency orders to the extent that such actions are needed to cope with this emergency, including, but not limited to, any and all statutes, rules, or orders that affect budgeting.

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order 16-59, this Order shall act as initial and extended authorization through April 26, 2016.

DONE AND ORDERED on this day of March 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jonathan P. Steverson, Secretary 3900 Commonwealth Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

FILED on this date, pursuant to § 120.52 Florida Statutes, with the designated Department Clerk,

Clerk

receipt of which is hereby acknowledged

Date: 03/25/2016

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