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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Jacksonville District, 701 San Marco Boulevard,
Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Planned Deviation to 1981 Lakes Kissimmee,
Hatchineha and Cypress (KHC) Interim Regulation Schedule to facilitate Kissimmee
River Restoration Project (KRRP) Construction through 1 June 2021

1. Reference Memorandum, CESAJ-EN-WW, 26 March 2020, subject as above.
2. The subject request for a planned deviation from the Central and Southern Florida Project Volume 2 Master Water Control Manual for the Kissimmee River – Lake Istokpoga Basin to revise the Lake Kissimmee, Cypress, and Hatchineha regulation schedule has been reviewed. The request is supported by a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis contained in an Environmental Assessment (EA) which accompanied the request. Additionally, documentation provided indicates that state and federal resource agencies as well as Tribal nations have been consulted and are supportive of these actions.
3. The planned deviation to raise the regulation schedule from 1 February through 1 June for the 2020 and 2021 dry seasons as detailed in reference 1.a. is approved. If the stage were to go above the regulation schedule in this time period, then the District should continue the 0.5 foot buffer for transition back to regulation schedule within 15 days. This planned deviation will allow the South Florida Water Management District additional flexibility in managing the releases from Lake Kissimmee in the dry season to minimize the impacts to USACE construction activities ongoing for the Kissimmee River Restoration project. I also delegate authority to the Jacksonville District Commander to sign the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the EA supporting this action.
4. If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Mr. Trent Ferguson, CESAD-RBT, (404) 562-5128.

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