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ARMY CORPS ANNOUNCES ADVISORY PANEL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, today released the names of 30 persons appointed to serve as members on the Southwest Florida Alternatives Development Group (ADG). The ADG will develop and evaluate alternatives that reflect the range of viewpoints associated with the Environmental Impact Statement for future development in Lee and Collier counties. The group will study alternatives for improving the regulatory processes to protect natural environmental values, provide for sustainable economic growth, avoid changes in water flows and quality, and respect public involvement and private property rights. The ADG is composed of private citizens and representatives from businesses, conservation organizations, civic groups and government agencies.

Col. Joe R. Miller, the District Engineer for the Corps' Jacksonville District, selected the members from more than 120 who applied for consideration. Dr. John Hall, Chief of Jacksonville District's Regulatory Division, announced the membership at the April 15 meeting of the Southwest Issues Group of the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, held in Fort Myers, Fla.

The ADG will hold 10 two-day meetings between April and August 1998 to evaluate the merits of each alternative and seek consensus on recommendations. The Corps intends to publish the draft EIS in October 1998 and hold public hearings in November.

Hall announced that the following persons had accepted their appointments to the ADG: Robert S. Baker, (Council of Civic Associations); Frederick Barber, (Agnoli, Barber & Brundage, Inc.); John Cassani, (Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida); Wayne Daltry, (SW FL Regional Planning Council); Claudia Davenport, (Big Cypress Basin Board); Dave Douglas; Tim Durham, P.E., (Wilson, Miller, Barton & Peek, Inc.); John Folks,

(Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services); Clara Anne Graham-Elliot, (League of Women Voters of Lee County); Edward Griffith, (WCI Communities); David Guggenheim, (The Conservancy of Southwest FL); Bill Hammond, (South Florida Water Management District); Bradley J. Hartman, (Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission); Peggy Highsmith, (Department of Environmental Protection); Ronald Inge (Horizon Council); Wallace Kain, (City of Sanibel); Earl Kegg; Richard Klaas, (Florida Real Estate Consultants); Bonnie Kranzer, (Governor's Commission for Sustainable South Florida); Al Lucas, (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency); Chip Merriam, (South Florida Water Management District); Neale Montgomery, (Pevese, Garner, Haverfield, Dalton, Harrison & Jensen);, Paul O'Connor, (Lee County); W. Tom Olds, (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service); Charles Pattison, (Department of Community Affairs); Bob Roth, (Barron Collier Company); Fran Stallings; Mark P. Strain, (Gulf Bay Communities, Inc.); Kris Thoenke, (National Wildlife Federation); Matthew E. Uhle, (Economic Development Coalition of Lee County); Whit Ward (Collier Building Industry Assoc.).

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