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RE: Delano Ditch 34 Application

Dear Colleen:

The City of Delano has submitted an application for review of its Wetland Exemption Permit relative to Wright County Ditch 34. The City has previously authorized an extended review of the application until May 1, 2010. Since, at this time, the improvements outlined in the application are not desired by the adjacent landowners and not supported by the County, the ditch authority, the City will withdraw its application for a wetland exemption permit.

The City is continuing with its feasibility studies and planning for a new industrial park on land along Ditch 34. It continues to be the City's intent to use the ditch as part of the storm water system, should the industrial park proceed. The City stepped forward in 2009 with this application as a willing participant in the process of improving the ditch beyond the needs and improvements of the industrial park project.

The City did so to be a good neighbor and partner with the County to make the ditch function better than it has in recent years. As City staff communicated at the December public meeting, the City believes it will be able to accomplish industrial development with runoff rates equal or better than the current site. Yet, even despite those efforts, the City has also been willing to discuss improvements that would benefit other property owners along the ditch.

Thank you for your work and communication on our application.

Sincerely,

Phil Kern
City Administrator

CC: Mayor and City Council
Mark Johnson, City Attorney
Vince Vandertop, City Engineer
Jack Russek, County Commissioner
Brian Asleson, County Attorney