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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS

SUBJECT: Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin Water Control Manual (WCM) Update, Water Supply Storage Assessment (WSSA), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)

This responds to the memorandum from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Director of Civil Works requesting review and approval of the ACF Basin EIS dated March 13, 2017. Based on the Final EIS, the ACF River Basin Master WCM Update, the WSSA, the reviews by other Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American Tribes, input from the public, and the review by my staff, I find the plan recommended by the Chief of Engineers, through the Director of Civil Works (i.e., Alternative 7K), to be technically feasible, in accordance with environmental and other applicable statutes, and the alternative that best serves the overall public interest. My decision is documented in the attached Record of Decision (ROD).

With the finalization of the ROD, I authorize the Corps' approval, as delegated to the South Atlantic Division Commander, to update the WCM. The conditions identified in the ROD, the Final EIS, and associated environmental compliance documents, including the Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on September 14, 2016, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to the human environment, will be implemented in their entirety. No compensatory mitigation is required for this action. The reallocation of 254,170 acre-feet of storage in Lake Lanier shall be executed through a water supply storage agreement or agreements with the State of Georgia or its authorized representatives, as stated in the ROD. Please forward a draft of such agreement(s) to my office in advance of execution.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas W. Lamont".

Douglas W. Lamont, P.E
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the
Assistant Secretary of the Army
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Enclosure