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Suwannee River Water Management District  
9225 CR 49  
Live Oak, Florida 32060

Subject: Opposition to the Water First North Florida Project

To Whom It May Concern,

The Madison Board of County Commissioners respectfully submits this letter to express our formal opposition to the proposed Water First North Florida project. After reviewing available project materials, we believe the project poses potential risks to the long-term welfare of our county and the surrounding region.

Key concerns include:

1. Environmental Impact  
Our region has already experienced declining spring flows and fragile river systems. Additional strain on these resources may cause irreversible harm. Providing clear information about which contaminants are monitored and what treatment wetlands do not remove would help us better understand the project.
2. Public Health and Water Security  
Concerns regarding the quality of purified reclaimed drinking water for our residents. Ensuring the reliability of local wells and public water systems must remain a top priority.
3. Economic Consequences  
Our local economy depends heavily on natural resources, including eco-tourism, agriculture, and recreation. Negative environmental effects would place unnecessary financial burdens on these industries and the communities that rely on them. How are risks to spring systems being evaluated?
4. Local Benefit  
Based on current documentation, the project appears to serve interests outside our immediate region while leaving our county to shoulder potential risk. We cannot support an initiative that may compromise local resources without clear benefits to our residents.

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For these reasons, the Madison County Board of County Commissioners strongly opposes the Water First North Florida project in its current form. We urge all reviewing agencies and decision-makers to consider sustainable alternatives that protect the long-term health of our water resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Moore, Chair  
On behalf of the Madison County Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Representative Allison Tant  
Senator Corey Simon  
Mr. George Wheeler  
River Task Force

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