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Residents of Tamarindo,

We write to provide you with some background knowledge and assurance that the drainage problem currently affecting Tamarindo is being addressed.

Tamarindo's surface water management (drainage) system was permitted by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and Collier County many years ago and has been updated and reviewed by these agencies numerous times since. In order to obtain permitting from the SFWMD and the County, Tamarindo used engineering experts. The engineers designed the size of the drainage system based on modeling that accounted for rain storms with rainfall events of a 25-year return period and 3 day duration, 10-year return period and 1 day duration, and 100-year return period and 3 day duration. These criteria are required for design and permitting of drainage systems across south Florida. The project also had to meet more stringent discharge criteria which is set by the County and limits the amount of discharge into the Henderson Canal, the project's outflow. The SFWMD and County issued permits and approvals for this project based on their determination that our engineers' design and modeling were sufficient to show that the standards would be met and flooding would not occur.

As you are aware, and to put things in perspective this summer Southwest Florida has been plagued by record breaking rainfall as well as back-to-back major Hurricanes. News outlets have reported that the Fort Myers area received about 43 inches of rainfall this summer breaking a long-standing record not seen since 1974. On average summer brings about 29.50 inches of rain. Due to the unprecedented major rainfall in the region and the stringent discharge rate currently imposed by the SFWMD and County approvals, Tamarindo has faced drainage challenges. We have been working through the summer to provide additional relief at the property while working on a submittal to the SFWMD to modify the drainage system. Tamarindo's permit application has been submitted and is under expedited review by the SFWMD.

While this request remains pending, Tamarindo will continue to work with the SFWMD and County to take any necessary steps to alleviate drainage issues due to heavy rains. For example, the SFWMD allowed Tamarindo under emergency authorization to install a pump to relieve the lake and road system post Hurricane Milton. Tamarindo will also continue to work in partnership with the SFWMD and County to approve and implement a long-term solution to this problem, but this process may take considerable time and we ask that you and your neighbors also reach out to the SFWMD directly to voice your concerns and encourage them to approve our proposed permit modification so we can start our improvement efforts as soon as possible. The SFWMD's and County's contact information below.

Additional updates will be provided to the Tamarindo Community as they become available.

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Yours sincerely,

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