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Mr. Ken Lawson, Executive Director Department of Economic Opportunity 107 East Madison Street Caldwell Building, Suite 212 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120

Dear Director Lawson:

The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee (Committee) met on November 14, 2019, and discussed local governmental entities that have not complied with the reporting requirements set forth in Sections 218.39(1) and 218.32(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 11.45(7)(a) and 218.32(1)(f), *Florida Statutes*, the Committee adopted a motion to take action pursuant to Section 11.40(2), *Florida Statutes*.

Section 11.40(2), *Florida Statutes*, provides, in part, that, if the Committee determines one or more local governmental entities should be subjected to further state action, the Committee shall:

• In the case of a special district, notify the Department of Economic Opportunity that the special district has failed to comply with the law. Upon receipt of notification, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall proceed pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 189.062 or Section 189.067, *Florida Statutes*.

Enclosed is a list of special districts that the Committee has determined should be subject to further state action. Accordingly, the Committee requests that the Department of Economic Opportunity proceed pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 189.062 or Section 189.067, *Florida Statutes*.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 487-4110.

Sincerely

Kathryn H. DuBose

Coordinator

cc: sent by Certified Mail:

Ms. Tracy Lamb, Registered Agent for Baker Soil and Water Conservation District

Mr. Peter Rubio, Registered Agent for Brandon Groves North Service District

Mr. Dan Molloy, Registered Agent for Clearwater Cay Community Development District

Mr. Dennis Lyles, Registered Agent for Deerfield Preserve Community Development District

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT DID NOT SUBMIT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS REQUIRED BY S. 218.32 AND S. 218.39, FLORIDA STATUTES

	FY 2017-18	
SPECIAL DISTRICT (County)	AFR	Audit Report
INDEPENDENT:		
Baker Soil and Water Conservation District (Baker County)	X	(1)
Clearwater Cay Community Development District (Pinellas County)	X	X
Deerfield Preserve Community Development District (St. Johns County)	X	(1)
Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (Martin County)	X	X
Taylor Soil and Water Conservation District (Taylor County)	X	(1)
DEPENDENT:		
Brandon Groves North Service District (Hillsborough County)	X	(1)

Note:

 The Auditor General's Office was unable to obtain sufficient information to determine whether the special district met the threshold for the requirement of an audit for this fiscal year.

LEGEND	
X	= not yet received