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RE: Response to letter from Osceola City Council dated February 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

The Osceola Water Board of Trustees is in possession of the letter sent February 28, 2024, in which the City of Osceola requested that the Water Board approve the use of finished water to service both the aquatic center and golf course. The Osceola Water Works, through Resolution 2023-27, has entered into Section 3 of the of Water Conservation Ordinance that was adopted on January 8, 2009. Under Section 3 of this Ordinance, "all outdoor water use, except for fire and health hazard prevention, is prohibited." This however, can be overcome if the water use is necessary for the "general welfare of the community." If the Osceola City Council were to determine that having both the pool and golf course is important to the general welfare of the community, than the Water Board would have no objection to the City using water for the purposes requested.

Section 3 of the ordinance also provides that reclaimed or recycled water, commonly called grey water, does not fall under this Ordinance and may be used without restriction. The Board would encourage the City, due to the circumstances, to consider adopting a system in which grey water was used for the irrigation of the golf course.

In your letter, you also requested that the Water Board work towards amending the Ordinance to make this issue clearer. That matter is being taken under advisement and will be considered in the future. However, due to the urgency in which the City needed a response, that matter has not yet been addressed.

Thank You,



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