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Subject: RE: Linda Pedersen Observation Tower - Replacement Location Discussion
Attachments: 25073 Tower Relocation Memo.pdf; HAS Letter Tower at Linda Pedersen Park 111225.docx

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Good Morning Chris,

Thank you for sharing the recommendations with the District for review and soliciting feedback on potential replacement locations. The District provides the following for consideration.

Linda Pedersen- This location is owned and managed by the County.

Weekiwachee Preserve- Weekiwachee Preserve currently offers numerous manmade elevations with natural elements that provide substantial views of the resources. Any request to construct amenities not originally contemplated in the Lease Agreement would require an amendment to the Lease.

Bayport - Bayport's geographical location and currently approved viewing platform provide substantial viewing opportunities of the Gulf. Any request to construct amenities not originally contemplated in the Management Agreement would require an amendment to the Agreement.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Hi Mike,

Hope you are doing well. I've been reaching out to Audubon and Sierra Club regarding the tower replacement locations. At this time, our consultants memo and the Hernando Audubon as well as Sierra Clubs are recommending replacing the tower in the same location as the existing tower (Linda Pedersen Park) that is due to be removed in the next few weeks. I would like to know if SWFWMD has a recommendation on a replacement location? Any feedback would be appreciated!

Respectfully,

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Hi Tom and DeeVon!

I hope you are both doing well and enjoying the change of the seasons! As you may be aware, we unfortunately have to demolish the existing observation tower located at Linda Pedersen. It has been inspected by a structural engineer and they've confirmed that the existing tower has been determined to be unsafe. The tower will be scheduled to be demolished in the next few weeks.

The BOCC, with strong community support have given the Park's Department authorization to begin the process of determining a replacement tower location. We are currently review for existing and alternative locations for it and I'm reaching out to Sierra and Audubon for some guidance and possible recommendations for a new replacement observation tower location. Some of the alternate locations we've been looking into is the Weeki Wachee Preserve and Bayport as well as the existing location at Linda Pedersen. Coastal Engineering is designing the Weeki Wachee Preserve Phase 1 and provided a brief memo on the suggested locations (see attached). I also have some drone video footage, flown by County Extension, to see what the view would look like at approximately 40 to 50 feet at the various sites.

Please let me know if you or any interested club members would like to meet with my team to discuss. We'd love to hear your thoughts and gather any possible recommendations from the environmental clubs in Hernando County. If you are interested, I'll try to put together some dates/times for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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