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Cc: Exemption (b)(6) SAJ; Exemption (b)(6) SAJ
Subject: RE: Via Verde statement (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 4:11:34 PM

Sirs:

The email below contains our response to the press regarding the Via Verde statement. As you know, Exemption (b)(6) is the lead. He will defer legal questions to Exemption (b)(6). The existing toll free # will be used for the local residents until we can establish a separate toll free # for this effort, including messages in Spanish.

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From: Sticht, Nancy J SAJ
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 2:34 PM
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Caveats: NONE

All -

FYI, the following was staffed with Exemption (b)(6) and is being provided to media this afternoon. I have put in an ACE-IT ticket to establish a new Spanish language toll-free number as indicated below; will let you know as soon as I have further info on that.

Thanks,
Nancy

Thank you for your inquiry. Following is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District's statement on the transfer of the Via Verde permit evaluation from the San Juan to Jacksonville office.

Due to the high level of interest in and the nature of the Via Verde project, review of the permit application was shifted to the Jacksonville District Office. The new lead project manager is a senior technical expert who will work closely with a multi-disciplinary team, which includes members of the San Juan staff. This team will continue to report to the same branch chief, also in Jacksonville, who has been involved since the beginning of the process. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' is continuing its permit evaluation process without interruption and with the goal of a fair, flexible and balanced decision in accordance with the law and appropriate regulations.

Local residents will continue to have the opportunity to provide input, which will become part of the official record and will be considered in the Corps' decision. Written comments may be mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175, ATTN: Bob Barron, Regulatory Division. Residents may call the Jacksonville District office toll-free at 1-800-291-9405 and select the option for Regulatory/Permits. A new toll-free number to receive calls and messages in Spanish is being established and will be provided as soon as it is operational.

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