RESOLUTION
of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCESS OF RANGER DRAINAGE DISTRICT’S LONG RANGE OVERALL DRAINAGE PLAN

Resolution No. 2014-M-13

WHEREAS, Ranger Drainage District is located in east Orange County and is approximately 15 square miles in size and lies entirely within the boundary of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Ranger Drainage District contains numerous wetlands that provide habitat to aquatic and wetland dependent wildlife, flood storage, and water quality benefits; and

WHEREAS, the wetlands range in size and quality; and

WHEREAS, the wetlands are subject to regulation pursuant to Orange County Code Chapter 15, Article X Conservation Areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Long Range Overall Drainage Plan, Ranger Drainage District is required to make drainage improvements to District land, which includes impacts to wetlands as a result of the drainage improvements that require permits from Orange County; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Orange County Code Section 15-376, Ranger Drainage District must obtain a permit pursuant to Chapter 15, Article X of the Code, prior to conducting any activities within or immediately adjacent to any wetland that would materially affect in an adverse way any wetland that has been determined to be a conservation area; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to working with Ranger Drainage District to meet the County’s environmental regulations as exemplified by the establishment of the Ranger Drainage District 80.083-acre Mitigation Parcel Interlocal Agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners in November 2011.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

Section 1. Orange County will expedite the environmental permitting process for Ranger Drainage District while maintaining compliance with Chapter 15 of the Orange County Code.
Section 2. The Orange County Environmental Protection Officer, or her designee, is authorized to issue all conservation area impact permits issued pursuant to Chapter 15 Article X of the Code for any Class I wetland impacts required by the construction of drainage improvements provided Ranger Drainage District demonstrates that the impacts are in compliance with all applicable Code provisions.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___, 2014.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: ___

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: ___

Deputy Clerk

Teresa Jacobs
Orange County Mayor