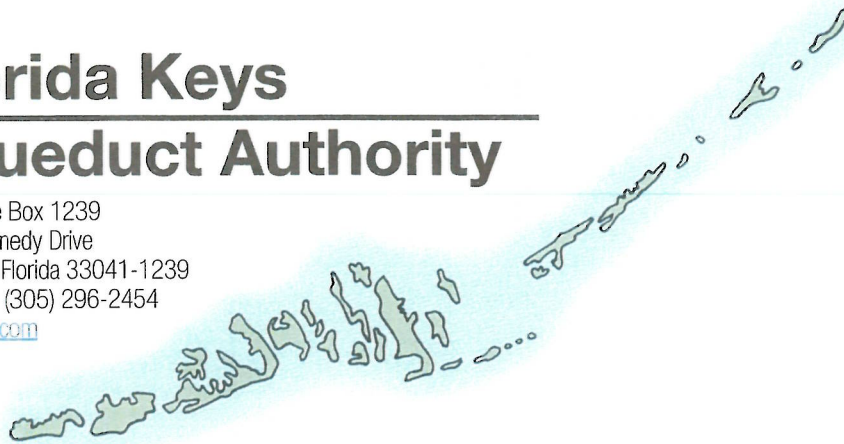




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June 22, 2011

Dear Lower Keys Property Owner:

The Monroe County Wastewater Master Plan for the lower keys is designed to service the majority of properties with a central wastewater collection system. Your property falls outside the boundaries of the central collection system and is part of the designated "decentralized" area.

The decentralized portion of the district includes homes that are not economically feasible to be served by the central wastewater system with a pipe in the street. Homes in the decentralized portion are planned to be served by individual on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems. The State Legislature set a deadline to complete all wastewater systems in the Keys by December 31, 2015.

In an effort to assist residents in the decentralized portion of the District, the US Environmental Protection Agency has provided funds that enable the FCAA to develop a program to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain onsite waste water treatment systems for residents.

The program under development by the FCAA is voluntary and will allow residents to opt in or opt out depending on your interest in having the FCAA construct and operate the system on your property. The EPA grant funding will reduce the construction cost for the onsite systems under this program. Homeowners that opt in to the program would become a wastewater customer of the FCAA. We would provide maintenance and operating services and bill you monthly as we do our other customers in central wastewater districts.

Those residents that elect to opt out of the program would be responsible for the upgrade of their own on-site system including the design, construction, permitting, operation as well as the full cost of the upgrade.


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To provide you with more information on this program, the FCAA invites you to a meeting with FCAA staff. The purpose of the meeting is to present residents in the decentralized portion of the District details of the on-site program under development by the FCAA and to receive feedback from the residents regarding your concerns, questions and suggestions for the program. If you cannot attend the meeting or have any questions, please contact Tom Walker, PE, Director of Engineering, at 305.295.2140 or email [twalker@fcaa.com](mailto:twalker@fcaa.com).

Please join us at 6:00pm on July 20, 2011 at the Big Pine United Methodist Church, 280 Key Deer Boulevard, Big Pine Key.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Sincerely,



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