



# St. Johns River Water Management District

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January 31, 2020

Hon. Francine M. Ffolkes  
Administrative Law Judge  
Division of Administrative Hearings  
The DeSoto Building  
1230 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3060

**RE: Steve Hill and Guy Vandoren v. Bishop of the Diocese St.  
Augustine and St. Johns River Water Management District;  
(DOAH Case No. 19-6593)**

Dear Judge Ffolkes:

As required by section 120.57(1)(m) of the Florida Statutes, enclosed is a copy of the Final Order rendered in this matter. No exceptions were filed by any of the parties.

Sincerely,

Karen C. Ferguson  
Assistant General Counsel  
Office of General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Bill Abrams, General Counsel

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**ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

STEVE HILL and GUY VANDOREN,

Petitioners,

v.

BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE ST. AUGUSTINE,  
A CORPORATION SOLE, and  
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Respondents.

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**FINAL ORDER**

This matter involves a challenge by Steve Hill and Guy Vandoren (“Petitioners”) to Environmental Resource Permit No. 120231-3 issued by Respondent, St. Johns River Water Management District (“District”), to Respondent, Bishop of the Diocese St. Augustine (“Permittee”). The matter having been referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings and assigned to the Honorable Administrative Law Judge, Francine M. Ffolkes (“ALJ”), comes before me now upon the ALJ’s issuance of a Recommended Order of Dismissal (“Recommended Order”).

1. On December 20, 2019, the District filed a Motion to Dismiss the petition filed by Petitioners. The Permittee joined in the District’s motion.

2. On January 9, 2020, the ALJ issued a Recommended Order of Dismissal in this case, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

3. The Recommended Order advised the parties that they had 15 days to file exceptions to the Recommended Order with the District. On January 10, 2020, the District also

sent all parties a letter advising the parties of their right to file exceptions to the Recommended Order, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

4. Neither the Petitioners, the District, nor the Permittee submitted exceptions to the Recommended Order. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that:

The Recommended Order is ADOPTED, and the case is DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, in Palatka, Florida.

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BY: 

ANN B. SHORTELE, PH.D.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RENDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

BY: Sandra Bertram

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**Notice of Rights**

1. Pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, a party who is adversely affected by final District action may seek review of the action in the district court of appeal by filing a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, within 30 days of the rendering of the final District action.

2. A District action or order is considered “rendered” after it is signed on behalf of the District and is filed by the District Clerk.

3. Failure to observe the relevant time frame for filing a petition for judicial review as described in paragraph 1 will result in waiver of that right to review.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**


I hereby certify that the foregoing Final Order and Notice of Rights was furnished to:

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