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Mr. Stan Boling, AICP  
Community Development Director  
Indian River County  
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Vero Beach, Florida 32960

RE: Indian River County Evaluation and Appraisal Notification Letter Return

Dear Mr. Boling,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Evaluation and Appraisal Notification Letter, received by the Department on March 16, 2017. The Department is returning the County's evaluation and appraisal notification letter dated March 7, 2017, due to it being sent prior to schedule due date. Please note that pursuant to Rule 73C-49, Florida Administrative Code, the County's Evaluation and Appraisal letter is not due to the Department until **October 1, 2017**.

Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes states that each local government shall evaluate its comprehensive plan to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect changes in state requirements since the last update of the comprehensive plan. Therefore the County's evaluation and notification letter has been sent prematurely since the County's evaluation and notification due date is scheduled after the 2017 Legislative session.

Also, please be aware that the 2015 Legislation session made changes to Section 163.3178, Florida Statutes, which requires each local government that is required to have a coastal management element to update the element to contain specific requirements related to sea level rise. Since Indian River County is required to have a coastal management element, you may wish to have your legal staff review this new statutory requirement to determine how it affects your comprehensive plan.

If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact me, at (850) 717-8483.

Sincerely,

D. Ray Eubanks  
Plan Processing Administrator

DRE/me

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