



EVERGLADES COALITION

A Resolution of the Everglades Coalition Opposing Project Tango

WHEREAS, the Everglades is a fragile and irreplaceable ecosystem that is central to the health, heritage, and future of Florida, and whose survival depends on protecting lands and waters adjacent to and hydrologically connected with the system;

WHEREAS, Project Tango is adjacent to the L-8 Canal and in very close proximity to the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, placing a large-scale industrial facility directly next to a federally protected Everglades ecosystem that is highly vulnerable to external disturbances, which is home to endangered species such as the snail kite and wood stork;

WHEREAS, the L-8 Canal is part of a hydrologically connected system that conveys water to and from the Everglades, meaning pollutants, altered flows, or thermal impacts generated at the Project Tango site could have a direct and immediate pathway into the Refuge and broader Everglades system;

WHEREAS, Project Tango is within the Glades Area Protection Overlay, which was created to protect the EAA from encroachment and other detrimental uses, particularly those that could degrade water quality or disrupt hydrologic conditions essential to the Everglades;

WHEREAS, Project Tango could produce water pollution, in a location where even minor degradation can directly impair Everglades ecosystems, as a result of heavily concentrated pollution discharges from its use of treated wastewater in an evaporative cooling water system and/or chemically treated water, potentially including forever chemicals or PFAS, in a closed-loop cooling water system, as well as stormwater runoff from extensive impervious surfaces that can carry nutrients, heavy metals, and heat into connected waterways;

WHEREAS, the Everglades is uniquely sensitive to nutrient loading, contaminants, and changes in water temperature and timing, such that even small inputs from nearby industrial uses can trigger ecosystem wide impacts, including algal growth, habitat degradation, and loss of native species;

WHEREAS, Project Tango could increase air pollution containing nitrogen oxide, particulate matter, and greenhouse gases from the neighboring FPL power plant combined with on-site generation, with emissions occurring in immediate proximity to protected wetlands and wildlife habitat, where air quality directly affects ecological health;

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WHEREAS, Project Tango could result in noise pollution, including low-frequency noise pollution that can travel significant distances (up to 2.5–3 miles away), introducing continuous industrial disturbance into a landscape that has been protected specifically to maintain natural soundscapes for wildlife;

WHEREAS, constant lighting and 24-hour industrial operations associated with a hyperscale data center would further degrade the natural conditions of nearby Everglades habitat, disrupting nocturnal species and altering critical behavioral patterns such as nesting and migration;

WHEREAS, the Everglades Coalition has consistently opposed decisions that threaten the ecological integrity, water quality, wildlife, and long-term restoration goals of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem, as demonstrated in prior resolutions;

WHEREAS, siting a hyperscale industrial facility immediately adjacent to and hydrologically connected with the Everglades undermines decades of state and federal investment in restoration, including efforts under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, which are specifically intended to improve water quality and restore natural flow patterns;

WHEREAS, allowing this project would set a precedent for further industrial encroachment into lands that directly influence the Everglades, compounding cumulative impacts and weakening protections established to safeguard this globally significant ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the risks posed by Project Tango to the lands, waters, species, and communities connected to the Greater Everglades Ecosystem far outweigh any potential benefit for placing AI data centers in Florida, especially given the availability of alternative sites that would not pose direct and immediate risks to the Everglades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS APRIL 8 2026:

The Everglades Coalition, nearly 60 organizations dedicated to protecting and restoring America's Everglades with a 12.2-million-constituent network of followers, strongly opposes the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioner's approval of Project Tango.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The Everglades Coalition remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting the ecological integrity, wildlife, coastal resilience, and water resources of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem from the threats posed by Project Tango and other AI data centers located near the Everglades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The Everglades Coalition urges the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to reject the Project Tango application.

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