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TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney *JLB*

SUBJECT: Notice of New LawsUIT and Defense of the Same by the County Attorney in the Case of John Reyner and Monika Reyner v. Pinellas County Circuit Civil Case No. 14-001865-CI-19

DATE: April 15, 2014

NOTICE: THIS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED LAWSUIT WAS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DEFEND THE SAME.

DISCUSSION: Plaintiffs, John and Monika Reyner, have filed suit against Pinellas County for allegedly permitting a prohibited discharge or polluted condition in Lake Sylvia which includes a portion of their residential property.

Plaintiffs' seeks a declaratory judgment as to the parties' rights regarding the Plaintiffs' property and Lake Sylvia. They seek to enjoin the County from continuing the alleged polluting, an order mandating the County cleanup, abate and remediate the alleged pollution, and damages in excess of \$15,000.00. There is also a demand for attorney's fees and costs.

The County Attorney's Office will bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

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