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All,

Below is a statement from Jacksonville District Commander Col. Alan Dodd regarding Gov. Scott's letter and visit...

"The Corps is disappointed in Governor Scott's letter. However, we welcome the opportunity to better educate our partners and enhance our relationship. As we heard during the Governor's press conference today, he recognizes the dedicated efforts of the Corps of Engineers and acknowledges that we can only operate within the authorities given to us."

"Regarding Herbert Hoover Dike, the Corps is actively replacing or removing 32 water control structures around the lake, which currently present the greatest risk of dike failure. We have already installed 21.4 miles of cutoff wall in the dike between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade to reduce the risk of failure."

"In terms of funding for our other civil works projects, we receive funding through congressional authorization and appropriations and can't act outside of our given authority. Long-term solutions to reduce current constraints within the system requires a collaborative effort. We look forward to continuing to work alongside the state of Florida in our many shared endeavors."

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks for your patience.

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