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Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner
Department of Planning and Natural Resources
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Re: Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture Request for Coastal Consistency for the
Demolition of the Administration Building, St. Croix
FEMA Grants Manager (GM) #88176)

Dear Commissioner Oriol:

The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture (VIDA) respectfully request a Decision of Coastal Consistency for their Administration Building Demolition Project. VIDA is proposing the complete demolition of the Administration Building in preparation for the construction of the replacement building. The Administration Building is located at 1 Lower Love Estates, St. Croix. The Administration Building was destroyed during Hurricane Maria in September 2017 and will be demolished and replaced under a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) grant (FEMA Grants Manager (GM) 88176). This request for Coastal Consistency is for the demolition of the Administration Building only. An additional request for Coastal Consistency for the replacement of the Administration Building will be submitted once the replacement design and construction documents are finalized.

The demolition of the Administration Building will remove the existing elevated one-story masonry structure that was catastrophically damaged by Hurricane Maria. The proposed demolition project will impact only previously disturbed areas associated with the removal of the existing Administration Building, including the existing foundations. The proposed project is the initial step in the permanent restoration of the existing administrative services for the department of agriculture. The proposed project will begin as soon as all approvals have been finalized and will take an approximately 30-days to complete the demolition.

Attached please find a Project Summary demonstrating the project's compliance with the U.S. Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program and drawings of the proposed demolition project.

Sincerely,



Positive T. A. Nelson
Commissioner, Department of Agriculture

Attachment:

Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture - Consistency Determination Request; Demolition of Administration Building

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