



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

September 18, 2013

10:00 a.m.

South Florida Water Management District - B-1 Storch Room
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

MEETING MINUTES

Staff Present:

Sharon M. Trost, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Director, Regulation Division
Anita Bain, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Permitting
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Dan Waters, Regulatory Administrator, Lower West Coast Service Center
Ricardo Valera, Chief, Environmental Resource Compliance
Stan Orłowski, Section Administrator, Regulatory Support
Kellie Cranford, Section Leader, Agricultural Water Programs
Tom Colios, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sharon M. Trost at 10:08 a.m. Ms. Trost reviewed the purpose and requested all comments be regarding regulatory issues and introduced staff at headquarters and the service centers. There was one member of the public present at the District Headquarters and two members of the public participated by phone. There were no members of the public present at the Orlando or Okeechobee Service Centers.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

There were no public comments.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 130108-7 Biscayne Landing

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding this application.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the status of this application.

Staff responded that a panther study is ongoing. A status report on this study has been provided and this information is available on the District's ePermitting website.

Application 120706-6 Lake Worth/Lyons Residential Property

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the status of this application.

Staff responded that this property has been purchased by a new landowner who is planning to preserve the wetland on this property.

Application 090107-1 Crosstown Parkway Extension (Bridge over North Fork)

Public Comment: Drew Martin representing the Sierra Club inquired regarding this application and expressed his opposition.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding various water use applications, more specifically requesting information as to which receiving body would be used for water discharge.

Staff clarified that these applications are issued for water use; withdrawing water typically from a specific aquifer, there will be no water discharge.

Application 130910-1 Boynton Intercostal

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the permit type listed as a permit exemption.

Staff responded that the exemption works will be for some maintenance and seawall works.

Application 060630-40 Eagle Farm

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the status of the permit.

Staff responded that due to an error in the District's database the status of this permit was listed as expired, this would be corrected to indicate the status as active.

Application 100902-23 RLF Corkscrew Potato (FKA Harvey Brothers Farm)

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this permit.

Staff responded that this is an existing farm; the applicant has requested to renew and modify the existing permit to update the permit acreage.

Application 130625-2 Verano

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this permit.

Staff responded that this is a water use permit for dewatering for the construction of a surface water management system.

Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on Permit 50-09867-W Village Green Center. Ms. Durando expressed concerns regarding information contained in the permit regarding any possibility of arsenic contamination.

Staff responded that an analysis was done and demonstrated that any drawdown from the well would not cause any movement of arsenic contamination.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented on surplus lands.

Staff directed Mr. Martin to speak with the Districts Land Management Team regarding surplus lands and further explained that there would be no final disposition of any District lands without approval of the Governing Board.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the possibility of a permit application regarding of an expansion of a highway that crosses the Everglades Agricultural Area for the facilitation of the Port of Palm Beach.

Staff responded that no applications have been received.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.