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## **South Florida Water Management District**

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### **Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters**

September 14, 2009

3:00 p.m.

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

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Executive Director (Carol Wehle) at 3:06p.m.

Ms. Wehle welcomed everyone and noted that this meeting was being video-teleconferenced with Martin/St. Lucie, Orlando and Ft. Myers Service Centers. Ms. Wehle explained the purpose of the meeting was to take public comment on permit applications. No decisions will be made, Policy issues will be deferred to the Governing Board.

Ms. Wehle encouraged everyone to access information on District permitting web sites to follow the permit review process, subscribe to receive e-mails via eNotice on our ePermitting website and comment early in the process.

Ms. Wehle introduced key staff in the permitting process Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Terrie Bates, Assistant Deputy Executive Director, Marjorie Craig, Director of Water Supply, and Bob Brown, Director of Environmental Resource Regulation.

Mr. Brown reviewed some procedural items and noted that this meeting was being webcast as well as video-teleconferenced with the Service Centers. He requested that anyone wanting to speak fill out a speaker card and give it to designated staff. He also strongly encouraged everyone to use ePermitting to access permit and application information.

Mr. Brown initiated communication with Service Center Staff.

Phil Flood, introduced Ricardo Valera & support staff at the Lower West Coast Service Center. There were no members of the public at the Service Center. Ms. Wehle noted that large, significant applications for projects in the area will have separate public meetings.

Cecelia Weaver, introduced Ed Yaun at the Orlando Service Center. There were no members of the public at the Service Center. Ms. Wehle verified with staff that parties interested in the GOAA application were informed of the current status. This was confirmed by staff.

Don Loving, introduced Hugo Carter at the Martin/St. Lucie Service Center. There was 1 member of the public at the Service Center.

## 2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

### Public Comment

#### Application No. 080502-13 Langford Landing

Sonny Coffman, a neighbor to the west of the proposed project, expressed concern about the survey and riparian rights.

Bob Raynes, attorney representing the applicant, discussed the riparian rights issue.

George Chapman Young Jr. "Chappy" placed a copy of his survey on the table and discussed the riparian lines on his survey for the Langford Landing project. He also offered to answer any questions on the information provided.

Ms. Wehle directed staff to have District surveyors verify the survey and ownership of the property.

Jim Goldasich, performed the environmental permitting work on the project. He provided the bathymetric survey and explained that this location was targeted for the marina to avoid oyster beds.

#### Application No. 070316-23 Tamiami Crossing

Drew Martin expressed general concerns regarding wetlands and opportunities to save water on the property. He also acknowledged and appreciated the mitigation. Mr. Waterhouse confirmed that this project was not in a recharge area and the area surrounding the project is developed.

### 3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

#### Public Comment

Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding water allocations for a potential Palm Beach County landfill site. Ms. Larson agreed to provide staff with advance notice of permitted projects which she would like to discuss, before the next public meeting, so that staff can be prepared with the permit specific information. She also had general concerns about water availability and consumptive use. Ms. Larson would like to be copied on all Consumptive Use and Environmental Resource permits in Palm Beach County.

#### Application No. 070330-5 The Babcock Ranch Community

Drew Martin expressed concerns regarding Panther habitat.

#### Application No. 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

John Calia, resident of Palm Beach Gardens, expressed concerns regarding lake banks within his community.

#### Application No. 061121-22 Delray Training Center

Rosa Durando expressed concern about the western part of Wellington, activity in Homeland and equine residuals.

### 4. Public Comment on Other Pending Permit Applications

There were no speakers on Item 4.

### 5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Rosa Durando would like to see a clarification of the role of the South Florida Water Management District and 298 Districts. Ms. Durando also questioned the definition of surplus lands, and the consolidation of small wetlands into large mitigation banks.

Alex Larson would like a list of applications received. She was informed that this information is available on the District's permitting web site. She would like to have this list mailed to her.

6. Adjourn

Ms Wehle adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.