



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

October 20, 2009

10:00 a.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 10:04 a.m.

Ms. Wehle introduced herself and welcomed everyone. Ms. Wehle explained that the purpose of the meeting is to take public comment on pending permit applications; no decisions would be made. Any policy issues would be deferred to the Governing Board where there is a standing item on the agenda. Application denials will be presented to the Governing Board for action.

Ms. Wehle explained the difference between Item 2 and Item 3 of the agenda and also encouraged the public to access the District database for information on any application at www.sfwmd.gov.

Ms. Wehle introduced Dean Powell, Department Director, Water Supply Management; Robert M. Brown, Director, Environmental Resource Regulation; and Douglas MacLaughlin, Regulatory Attorney who would be providing an update on The Babcock Ranch Community (Application 070330-5).

Mr. Brown reviewed some procedural items and the procedures for public participation. He also noted that the meeting was being webcast as well as video-conference with the Lower West Coast, Martin/St. Lucie and Orlando Service Centers.

Mr. Brown initiated communication with the Service Centers. Phil Flood, Lower West Coast Service Center Director introduced Staff and announced that there were 13 members of the public. Cecilia Weaver, Orlando Service Center Director introduced Staff and announced no public participation. Jane Bergstrom, Martin/St. Lucie Service Center Director introduced Staff and announced no public participation.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

Application 070330-5 The Babcock Ranch Community

Douglas MacLaughlin presented a brief report on the status of this application. Mr. MacLaughlin announced that two petitions for this application had been received; he also explained the procedure for when petitions are received and the timelines for the process. He also made it known that any comments on this application were welcomed.

Mr. Brown also commented on this application and explained that some of the public comments from the Public Meeting for this application were incorporated in the Draft Staff Report that was distributed.

Public Comment

Jim English – has interest in property that borders the Caloosahatchee River and expressed some concerns with surface water management issues in Charlotte and Lee County. Mr. English provided Staff in the Service Center with a copy of a petition filed by himself and Lee County for the record.

Tommy Perry – Engineer representing the English Family. Mr. Perry expressed concern that some of the changes discussed with District Staff were not incorporated into the Draft Staff Report. Mr. Perry also stated that a historic analysis of the discharge has not yet been done by the applicant.

Seann Smith – Charlotte County Growth Management – has been working with applicant through the master development preparation process and the agreements. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation for the efforts of the applicant in working through that process

Carl Veaux – expressed concerned about the permit, he also requested an update regarding a petition he previously filed on the utilities facilities. Mr. MacLaughlin stated that this new application includes the utilities facilities and that the previous application will be withdrawn by the applicant.

Alexandria Larson - expressed concern with surface water management in Charlotte and Lee Counties

3. Application of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Public Comment

Application 061121-22 Delray Training Center

William Swayne expressed concern on the process for applications identified as Heightened Public Concern; he requested that the District provide some clarification for notifying applicants with applications on the agenda.

Ms. Whele explained that all applications received by the District are subject to be addressed at the Regulatory Public Meetings but it is the District's interest to keep the process open.

Mr. Brown added that the Environmental Resource Regulation Department will notify the applicant in any Requests for Additional Information or the Completeness Letter if their project has been deemed heightened public concern and if so why. The criteria for heightened public concern will be added to the District's website.

Rosa Durando - expressed concern with the Wellington area in regards to the 100-year flood plain and water management in the area.

Application 090427-7 Scripps Florida Phase II/Briger DRI

Rosa Durando - expressed concern regarding the destruction of functioning wetlands in these areas.

Application 071101-3 Charlotte County Babcock Ranch Water Supply

Jim English - expressed concern regarding the Lee County area; he stated that this area has been identified as Density Reduction Groundwater Recharge and that the District should take this into consideration.

Application 090427-7 Scripps Florida Phase II/Briger DRI

Alexandria Larson- expressed concerns regarding impervious surfaces on the Brigger property.

Application 090406-12 Acreage Access Road (Persimmon Blvd. to 60 St N)

Alexandria Larson - expressed concern regarding the destruction of wetlands; she requested that the District look into this.

4. Public Comment on Other Pending Permit Applications

Alexandria Larson- expressed concern regarding wetlands in an application for Palm Beach County North County Airport that has not yet been submitted to the District.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Alexandria Larson - expressed concern regarding the Florida Power and Light Turkey Point project.

6. Adjourn

Ms. Wehle adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.