



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

April 21, 2010

10:00 a.m.

South Florida Water Management District - B-1 Auditorium
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 10:15 a.m. Ms. Wehle explained that the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for public comment and no decision would be made at this time. Ms. Wehle introduced Robert M. Brown, Director, Environmental Resource Regulation Department who reviewed several procedural items. Mr. Brown also noted that the agenda for this meeting includes agenda item number 6 in which two specific applications would be discussed immediately after the regular agenda.

Mr. Brown initiated contact with Service Center staff and introduced: Jayne Bergstrom, Director and Don Loving, Regulatory Division Director, Martin St. Lucie Service Center, there were 19 members of the public at this service center. He also introduced Ed Yaun, Regulatory Division Director, Orlando Service Center and Ricardo Valera, Regulatory Division Director, Lower West Coast Service Center. There were no members of the public present at these Service Centers.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

There were no public comments on this item.

3. Public Comment on Other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment:

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Drew Martin – Mr. Martin expressed concern over Panther habitat.

Application Jog Road (Roebuck Road to 45th Street)

Drew Martin – Mr. Martin requested an update on the project and an explanation on the District's procedures when no response for additional information has been received.

Ms. Anita Bain, Director, Environmental Resource Permitting Division responded to Mr. Martin's question regarding procedures for applications with outstanding request for additional information; stating that if no information is received within a reasonable time these are presented to the Governing Board for denial due to lack of response.

Panagioti Tsolkas – Mr. Tsolkas expressed concern over panther habitat.

Application 070313-15 Village of Wellington

Drew Martin – Mr. Martin expressed concern over too much development which leads to flooding.

Rosa Durando – Ms. Durando expressed concern over water quality standards in Wellington and impacts to the C-51 Basin. Ms. Durando also requested information regarding the procedure for horse manure.

Anthony Waterhouse, Deputy Director, Environmental Resource Regulation expressed that he would meet after the meeting with Ms. Durando to discuss procedures for handling animal waste.

4. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment:

Application 071115-14 Bluehead Ranch

Panagioti Tsolkas – Mr. Tsolkas sent information to Ms. Wehle's office regarding Bluehead Ranch and Jog Road extension.

Ms. Wehle clarified that this application is only for Water Use irrigation and not for development or Comprehensive Plan changes.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

There were no speakers for this item.

6. Application Specific Discussions

Application 091021-8 Indian Street Bridge

Chris Jackson and Ann Broadwell representing Florida Department of Transportation gave a brief presentation on project proposal.

Public Comment:

Odias Smith – Mr. Smith expressed concerns regarding runoff from the bridge in interim conditions, well contamination due to swales and procedures for monitoring.

Mr. Jackson responded to Mr. Smith's concern regarding the runoff stating that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has provided 13 acres of retention and detention area. Mr. Jackson also responded to the well contamination concern stating that FDOT did a survey locating any existing wells within 75' buffer of the proposed detention and retention facilities and committed to provide a water main down the two streets that are impacted by the current design at their cost.

Ms. Wehle responded to the concern regarding monitoring stating that the District does perform inspections. Mr. Jackson also added that this project will have County, State and Federal oversight.

Judy Nordenbrock - Ms. Nordenbrock expressed concerns regarding the drainage system and the swales being affected by the runoff and flooding.

Mr. Waterhouse responded that staff at the Martin/St. Lucie Service Center will go out to Ms. Nordenbrock's property and review her concerns.

Bob Matheson - Mr. Matheson owns 40 acres on the south side of island where the bridge crosses and expressed concerns regarding pollution in the South Fork from runoff and the destruction of mangroves and mitigation areas.

Drew Martin – Mr. Martin expressed concerns with the quality of the runoff and the protection in perpetuity of the mitigation.

Ms. Bain responded to the mitigation concern and explained that the District does conservation easements over mitigation areas.

Panagioti Tsoikas – Mr. Tsoikas expressed concerns regarding expansion over urban infrastructure, well impacts and mitigation.

Application 090427-7 Scripps Florida Phase II/ Briger

Ken Tuma – Mr. Tuma came on behalf of the applicant and made himself available to answer any questions.

Rosa Durando – Ms. Durando expressed concern over wetland impacts, melaleuca credits and removal, discharge and control elevation as well as wildlife crossing.

Carol Strick – Ms. Strick expressed concerned regarding water discharge.

Panagioti Tsoikas – Mr. Tsoikas requested that the Impact to Listed Species and Threatened Habitat on Proposed Scripps Phase II Development / Briger Tract documents be included in the application file. He expressed concerns with cumulative impacts, toxic material used by Scripps and how this will impact the water, threatened and endangered species and mitigation impacts. Mr. Tsoikas requested the District verify with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) findings on coastal zone management protection.

Ms. Anita Bain responded that the District does not usually receive these unless there is an objection but would contact DEP.

Drew Martin – Mr. Martin expressed concerns regarding endangered species, chemical contamination and wetland destruction.

Suki deJoy – Ms. deJoy expressed concern that there is no Environmental Impact Statement on the Briger Tract.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Wehle adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.