



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

July 21, 2010

2:00 p.m.

South Florida Water Management District
Orlando Service Center
1707 Orlando Central Parkway, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32809

MEETING MINUTES

Staff Present:

Carol A. Wehle, Executive Director
Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Regulatory and Public Affairs
Robert M. Brown, Director, Water Resource Regulation
Anthony Waterhouse, Deputy Director, Water Resource Regulation
Anita Bain, Director, Environmental Resource Permitting Division
Phil Flood, Director, Lower West Coast Service Center
Ricardo Valera, Regulatory Division Director, Lower West Coast Service Center
Jayne Bergstrom, Director, Martin/St. Lucie Service Center
Don Loving, Regulatory Division Director, Martin/St. Lucie Service Center
Cecilia Weaver, Director, Orlando Service Center
Ed Yaun, Regulatory Division Director, Orlando Service Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director, Carol Wehle at 2:01 p.m. Ms. Wehle welcomed everyone and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to take public comment. No decisions on permit actions are made at this meeting; she also reminded everyone that there is a standing item on the Governing Board Meeting agenda for any policy issues.

Mr. Brown initiated contact with the Service Centers. There were no members of the public present at Lower West Coast, Orlando and Martin/St. Lucie Service Center; members of the public were present at West Palm Beach Headquarters.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

There were no public comments on this item.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding the amount of water use and its effect on wetlands.

Mr. Brown responded that the Seacoast Utility is not requesting an increase on allocation.

Ms. Wehle requested that staff meet with Mr. Martin to clarify any concerns on the project; Mr. Martin agreed.

Application 060414-25 Parcels B, E & F – Wellington Country Place PUD

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding the runoff from animal waste and its effect on water.

Mr. Brown responded that this application remains incomplete and we are still waiting on the mitigation proposal from the applicant.

Application 060717-32 Jog Road (Roebuck Road to 45th Street)

Public Comment: Drew Martin stated that the Sierra Club opposes this project.

Ms. Wehle responded that we currently have not received new information on this project.

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

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding the potential for the road to impact adjacent wetlands.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 100622-11 Avocado Northlake – Master Grading and Earthwork

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding the potential for impact to wetlands in this area.

Application 100226-15 FPL Palm Beach L-8 Canal

Public Comment: Alex Larson requested information regarding this application.

Mr. Brown clarified that this is not a new application; this permit has been issued for agricultural irrigation and was previously discussed with Ms. Larson.

Application 100629-7 Boca Corporate Center and Campus

Alex Larson requested information regarding the requested water use allocation.

Ms. Wehle responded that this application is new and we will provide her with an update at the next meeting.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Application 050915-11 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road Improvements

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding water storage in the C-51 basin.

Mr. Waterhouse responded that staff would meet with her to address any concerns regarding this project.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding the Seminole Pratt and Whitney Road regarding wetland impacts, drainage and excavation works.

Application 100409-12 White Rock Quarries Main Quarry

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding this application.

Ms. Whele responded that this application is for rock washing, not for mining.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding rock mining and its effect on water.

Application 100714-6 Ibis Golf and Country Club

Public Comment: Rosa Durando requested information on this application.

Ms. Whele responded that this is a new application and that staff can review the application with her.

Mr. Waterhouse clarified that this application is for documenting the mitigation inventory in the area and that staff will discuss this application with her.

General Public Comment

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding Peacock Pond.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding rock mining and also a need for a flow-way plan.

Ms. Whele responded that she's addressed all environmental issues dealing with rock mining and she would provide him with a copy of the letter she personally presented to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Larson also expressed concern regarding comments about the purchase of a pit from Palm Beach Aggregates.

Ms. Whele suggested Ms. Larson speak with Ken Ammon so he can provide her with information regarding flow continuation basins, but the District has no intention of purchasing another pit.

6. Adjourn

Ms. Wehle adjourned the meeting at 2:57.