



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

August 18, 2010

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:

Tom Oliff, Deputy Executive Director
Terrie Bates, Deputy Executive Director,
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 Assistant Executive Director, Tom Oliff at 10:03 a.m. Mr. Oliff welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that no decisions would be made at this meeting. Also all policy matters are discussed at the Governing Board meeting.

Mr. Brown reviewed some procedural items and initiated contact with the Service Centers. There was one member of the public present at the Lower West Coast Service Center and no members of the public at the Martin/St. Lucie or the Orlando Service Center.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

No Public Comment

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Amber Crooks expressed concern regarding environmental impacts and requested that we proceed with an administrative denial due to lack of response, pursuant to our rules.

Mr. Brown said that we have been in contact with representatives of the Town of Big Cypress and that they are coordinating with the Federal government regarding panther issues. We will follow-up with the Town of Big Cypress and relay any new information to her.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern and supports the comments expressed by The Conservancy of SW Florida.

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding drawdown and its impact on the surrounding areas.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding wetland impacts.

Ms. Bain stated that the applicant is required to provide a mitigation plan and has not provided us with their final proposal.

Application 060925-17 Eighty Points West (A.K.A. Aqua Vista Development)

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding sea grass impacts.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding wetland impacts and animal waste management.

Ms. Bain responded that the applicant will submit a new proposal and is required to submit an animal waste management plan.

Application 040830-22 Lemon Grove Mitigation Bank

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding mitigation and conservation easement.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding an article from The Palm Beach Post that discussed three proposed changes to land use plans for the Village of Wellington. She also expressed concern regarding a discussion at the August Governing Board Meeting regarding agrichemical soils left in place on project lands.

Mr. Brown requested a copy of the article and will follow-up with her. Mr. Oliff offered to set up a meeting with Ms. Durando to discuss due diligence regarding agrichemicals soils.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding Section 24. Ms. Durando also expressed concern regarding a presentation on Adaptive Protocols for the regulation schedule for Lake Okeechobee presented at the Governing Board meeting.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding rock mining and its impact on Miami-Dade County.

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding allocation information found on the Notice of Receipt of Permit Application report dated July 26, 2010.

Mr. Harmon responded that this allocation information is a range and when the application becomes complete this information will change to the approved allocation.

Public Comment: Ms. Larson also inquired regarding new exemption applications received by the District for Reynolds Farm and Loretta and Baker Trust.

Mr. Brown stated that these applications are for agricultural operations; structures will be placed on the property for water storage which will provide water quality improvement.

Adjourn

Mr. Oliff adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.