



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

October 20, 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:

Carol Ann Wehle, Executive Director
Terrie Bates, Assistant 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
Maria C. Clemente, Director, Water Use 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 10:03 a.m. Ms. Wehle welcomed everyone and introduced staff present at the service centers. Ms. Wehle welcomed any comments or concerns.

Mr. Brown initiated contact with the Service Centers. One member of the public was present at the Lower West Coast Service Center; there was no public present at the Martin/St. Lucie or Orlando Service Centers.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

There was no public comment regarding this item.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Amber Crooks spoke on behalf of the Conservancy of South Florida and expressed concern regarding endangered species and wetland impacts. Ms. Crooks suggested that the applicant transfer the project north of the proposed site to lands they currently own and also requested that the District require the project footprint be appropriately sited to avoid impacts.

Public Comment: Drew Martin requested more information regarding this project and expressed concern regarding the Panther habitat, other endangered species and wetland impacts.

Ms. Whele indicated that she visited this site and suggested to Mr. Martin to view the condition and proximity of the site. The District will hold a public hearing in the local community at an appropriate future date.

Application 071101-3 Charlotte County Babcock Ranch Water Supply

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding the water use.

Ms. Wehle explained that this application is not for the Babcock Ranch but for Charlotte County.

Application 040830-22 Lemon Grove Mitigation Bank

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired if lead shot would be permitted on this property.

Mr. Brown responded that this application is for a mitigation bank and no hunting will be allowed.

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the impacts this application would bring to the surrounding areas because of the amount of water being drawn.

Mr. Brown responded that this will be considered as a component of the permit review process.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the number of horses that this site would handle and the nutrient pollution generated from animal waste.

Ms. Bain responded that they are required to have an animal waste management plan.

Application 070313-15 Village of Wellington

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding the amount of water use.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the status of this application.

Ms. Bain responded that a Request for Additional Information was sent and we are awaiting their response.

Application 090107-1 Crosstown Parkway Extension (Bridge Over North Fork)

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired if this would be the stimulus package bridge.

Ms. Bain responded that it is a different bridge located in Port St. Lucie.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 990129-8 TWC Golf Digest Recharge Pump Facility

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented regarding the use of C-18 as a water source for this project.

Ms. Bates responded that protection has been put into place with the Regional Water Availability Rule. Also, this application is still under review.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Rosa Durando requested clarification on the List of Applications Complete, specifically regarding the Water Use applications.

Ms. Wehle clarified where the water source is listed on the report for Water Use applications.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding permit 50-09359-P for Little Lake Worth Bridge Replacement and its potential wetland impacts.

Anita Bain responded that this permit is to replace and increase the height of the bridge for cost saving reasons. A public easement is required from the Board of Trustees and this item will be discussed at their meeting on November 9, 2010.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the acreage ratio for Diversion and Impoundment applications.

Terrie Bates explained that the term impoundment used in water use application is not an impoundment that will be built but rather the quantity of water diverted into the system for future use.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on the amount of applications for golf courses received by the District, their water use quantity and the possibility of a water shortage.

Terrie Bates explained golf courses can use water up to their permitted allocation. If a water shortage is implemented, the District issues specific restrictions. During the previous water shortages golf courses were cut back 45% of their permitted allocation.

Ms. Durando inquired regarding restrictions concerning polo fields.

Ms. Bates responded that restrictions are based on the land use type and location.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented expressed concern regarding the purchase of a pit.

Ms. Wehle responded that the District would be committed to an open, public participatory process.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding the Florida Power and Light Power Plant and the use of 18 water sources for the power plant.

Ms. Wehle responded that staff can obtain a copy of the monitoring data.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the protection of upland species.

Ms. Bain responded that the consideration of upland species is not included in the permitting criteria of the District or DEP.

Adjourn

Ms. Wehle adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.