



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

November 17, 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 Olliff, Assistant 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 Regulation 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
Ed Yaun, Regulatory Division Director, Orlando Service Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Executive Director, Tom Olliff at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Olliff welcomed everyone and introduced staff present at Headquarters.

Mr. Brown reviewed some procedural items and 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 Southwest Florida and expressed concern regarding wetland impact, panther habitat and other endangered species.

Public Comment: Drew Martin representing the Sierra Club supported to the comments shared by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and expressed concern regarding the panther habitat, other endangered species and wetland impacts.

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

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

Application 070313-15 Village of Wellington

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

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

Public Comment: Mark Bellissimo expressed appreciation for the District's efforts on review of the application for this project and is committed to addressing any issues.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin reiterated the Sierra Club's concerns regarding this project.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 990129-8 TWC Golf Digest Recharge Pump Facility

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the status of this application, and also inquired regarding the land use and the acreage for the impoundment.

Ms. Bates responded that this is an existing project that is proposed to divert water from the C-18 into an existing system.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding cumulative impacts.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando requested clarification on information found on District reports sent to her weekly. Some of the questions were related to applications: 101019-17 PGA Blvd and Prosperity Farms Road, 101021-14 for Lake Harbor Quarry and 100915-8 Iron Horse Lake Wells.

Mr. Brown responded to application specific questions and staff would provide clarifications on these applications after the meeting.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on Application 100826-32 for The Polo Club of Boca Raton and requested clarification on a limiting condition of the staff report. Ms. Durando also inquired regarding exemptions during a drought.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on Application 101022-4 for Wellington Aero Club Runway Paving.

District staff informed Ms. Durando that this is a request for an extension of a previously issued permit.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding rock mining.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding FPL and deep well injections from the cooling towers.

Public Comment: Alex Larson requested clarification on Permit Transfers issued by the District.

Mr. Brown explained that a permit transfer is required when property ownership changes, permit must be transferred from one entity to another.

Public Comment: Alex Larson requested information on the C-9 and the amount of water being drawn.

Mr. Brown responded that this information would be provided to her.

Public Comment: Alex Larson requested information on Application 071115-14 for Blue Head Ranch Water Use modification.

Mr. Brown explained that this is an existing agricultural project that is expanding its agricultural use.

Public Comment: Alex Larson requested water withdrawal reports for the Seminole Trail Improvement District and Indian Trail Improvement District.

District staff agreed to look into her request and follow up with her.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding dewatering practices.

Mr. Olliff responded that this is a policy issue that could be discussed during a Governing Board Meeting.

Ms. Bain explained that the majority of the applications the District receives for dewatering are for a short term.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding House Bill 1655 and the potential impacts to the District's ability to create new rules.

Mr. Olliff responded that this house bill will require an additional economic impact analysis and if the impact is more than a million dollars, the rule will have to be presented to the Florida Legislature for approval.

Mr. Olliff offered to provide Mr. Martin with more information and also mentioned that this can be discussed at a Governing Board meeting as a policy issue.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding Application 100923-42 for SR 704 Okeechobee Blvd. Ms. Durando's concerns were regarding water discharge into Howard Park and water quality.

Mr. Brown responded that staff will provide follow-up after the meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Olliff adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.