



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

February 16, 2011

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
Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Regulatory and Public Affairs
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 10:04 a.m. Mr. Olliff greeted and reminded everyone that all comments are welcome and that all policy matters are discussed at the Governing Board meeting where there is a standing item on the agenda. Mr. Brown reviewed several procedural items and initiated contact with the Service Centers. There were no members of the public present at the Martin/St Lucie and Orlando Service Centers; there was one member of the public present at the Lower West Coast Service Center. There were five members of the public present at District Headquarters in West Palm Beach.

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 071101-3 Charlotte County Babcock Ranch Water Supply

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding the amount of water use.

Application 061227-23 Okeechobee Utility Authority Public Water Supply

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the location of the project.

Mr. Brown responded that this application is for the City of Okeechobee.

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin representing Sierra Club inquired regarding the status of this application and expressed concern regarding drawdown.

Mr. Brown responded that this application is still pending additional information.

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

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding environmental and wetland impacts.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding endangered wildlife and wetland impacts. Mr. Martin also inquired regarding the status of the application.

Ms. Bain responded that the status of this application continues to be on hold as additional information is still pending.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 110119-3 Loxahatchee Club

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this project.

Ms. Bain responded that this application is a request for a change in work schedule of an existing permit.

Application 110118-13 Devonshire at Wellington Green – Basin 3

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded that this application is for a reconfiguration of the lake on an existing permitted project.

Application 101228-44 Florida Gulf Coast Technology and Research Park

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded that this is a request for time extension under Senate Bill 1752 of a previously permitted project.

Application 110124-3 Shores Animal Clinic

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the water source which reads unspecified.

Ms. Bain responded that the applicant did not identify the source in the application but will be specified once the application is complete.

Application 110126-5 PBSC – Public Safety Training Center

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this application.

Ms. Bain responded that the use of this center will be for training firefighters.

Application 110126-3 Blue Bell Creamery LP

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the project acreage.

Staff clarified that the acreage for this application is 1.63 acres.

Application 110120-5 Loxahatchee Reserve

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this project.

Ms. Bain responded this application is a request for relocation of a culvert on a previously permitted application and includes no additional water discharge.

Application 110119-2 Vinceremos Riding Center

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding water discharge into the Loxahatchee Groves Drainage District and Best Management Practices.

Staff responded that the District provides water discharge monitoring into the Loxahatchee Groves Drainage District; also, the applicant must comply with the local ordinances for Best Management Practices.

Application 100614-1 Lantana Hills Golf Course

Public Comment: Rosa Durando requested clarification on the land use for this application.

Mr. Olliff responded that this application is for an existing golf course on an existing landfill.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding a permit possibly issued to Pembroke Pines which would allow discharge of reclaimed water into the Biscayne Aquifer.

Staff responded that the District issued a permit to the City of Pembroke Pines for public water supply, not for the discharge of reclaimed water into the Biscayne Aquifer. The Department of Environmental Protection would be the primary agency to regulate the quality of any reclaimed water injection project.

Ms. Larson expressed concern regarding potential impacts to the Biscayne Aquifer, and requested a list of Biscayne Aquifer water users.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed appreciation for the UMAM update offered by District staff at the February 10, 2011 Governing Board meeting and would like to participate in any future training. Mr. Martin also expressed continued concern regarding the overall loss of wetlands.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding rock mining activities discussed during a Palm Beach County meeting. Mr. Martin shared concerns regarding the amount of water use, potential contamination, long-term environmental impacts and the effect on Everglades restoration.

Public Comment: Alex Larson and Drew Martin expressed concern regarding an update on the C-51 Reservoir discussed at the February 10, 2011 Governing Board meeting. Ms. Larson requested the Governing Board members be provided a history on the L-8 Reservoir and expressed concern regarding the possibility of a purchase of another pit.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding a Consent Order issued to Far Niente.

Mr. Brown clarified that this was in regards to an unpermitted road construction.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented regarding the Florida Audubon's comments on the 2011 Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan that was discussed at the February 10, 2011 Governing Board meeting.

Mr. Olliff clarified that staff would provide Florida Audubon's comments along with staff comments to the Florida Legislature.

Public Comment: Carol Strick expressed concern regarding water quality in Riviera Beach.

Public Comment: Edward Strick expressed concern regarding water quality in Riviera Beach and requested testing for non-organic pollutants. Mr. Strick also commented on a proposal to construct a boat yard and expressed concerns since no environmental studies have been conducted.

Adjourn

Mr. Olliff adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.