



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

July 20, 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:

Sharon M. Trost, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Division Director, Regulation Division
Anita Bain, Environmental Resource Permitting Bureau
Maria C. Clemente, Water Use Bureau
Phil Flood, Lower West Coast Service Center
Ricardo Valera, Lower West Coast Service Center
Hugo Carter, Martin/St. Lucie Service Center
Mark Daron, Orlando Service Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Regulation Division Director Sharon Trost at 10:06 a.m. Ms. Trost reviewed the purpose of the meeting and introduced staff at the service centers. There were no members of the public present at the Lower West Coast and Orlando Service Centers. There were four members of the public present at the Martin/St. Lucie Service Center and two members of the public present at District Headquarters in West Palm Beach.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

Application 070928-14 Canal Park Boat Launch

Public Comment: Chuck Proulx, resident of Port St. Lucie, expressed support for this project, as it will provide residents access to Florida waters and has been designed to preserve wetlands.

Public Comment: Ted Vath, resident of Port St. Lucie, expressed concern regarding this application due to wetland impact and current canal erosion. Mr. Vath also expressed concern regarding the timeframes in which the City has provided their responses.

Public Comment: Bill Adams with American Consulting Engineers of Florida responded that the timeline for the City's responses are due to the mitigation requirements and due diligence in the planning of this facility.

Public Comment: Sherman Conrad representing the City of Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation commented that the City has performed various studies on different sites for this project and the proposed site would provide minimal environmental impacts.

Application 101203-7 FLL Expansion of Runway 9R-27L

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding this application.

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

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

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

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired if there were any wetland impacts associated with this application.

Staff responded that this application will have wetland impacts and staff would provide follow-up information to Ms. Larson.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 101116-7 North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding wetland impacts.

Staff will provide follow-up information to Ms. Durando.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding wetland impacts.

Staff responded that the amount of wetlands impacts associated with this application have been reduced and the impacts are due to public safety.

Application 070313-15 Village of Wellington

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded that this application is for public water supply for the Village of Wellington.

Application 040830-22 Lemon Grove Mitigation Bank

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the status of this application.

Staff responded that the applicant is working with the State Board of Trustees regarding the use of this site.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

There was no public comment regarding this item.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented regarding the discussion on Lead Ammunition Use for Hunting on District Lands held at the October 13, 2010 Governing Board meeting and the potential effects this may have on water quality.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding issuance of water shortage variances for golf courses drawing water from the Surficial or Biscayne Aquifers.

Staff clarified that the water shortage variances for golf courses that have been issued withdraw water from the Floridan Aquifer.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding the District's ability to provide compliance monitoring in the Village of Wellington area.

6. Adjourn

Ms. Trost adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.