



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

October 19, 2011

10:00 a.m.

South Florida Water Management District - B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Meeting Minutes

Staff Present:

Robert M. Brown, Assistant Executive Director
Sharon M. Trost, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Division Director, Regulation
Anita Bain, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Permitting
Maria C. Clemente, Bureau Chief, Water Use
Ricardo Valera, Regulatory Administrator, Lower West Coast Service Center
Marc Ady, Supervisor, Orlando Service Center
Hugo Carter, Supervisor, Okeechobee Service Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Executive Director Robert M. Brown at 10:05 a.m. Mr. Brown reviewed the purpose of the meeting and introduced staff at the service centers. There were eight members of the public present in West Palm Beach. There were no members of the public present at Lower West Coast, Okeechobee or Orlando Service Centers. Six members of the public viewed the meeting on the web.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

Application 071101-3 Charlotte County PWS/Babcock Ranch Wellfield

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding water shortages.

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding water discharges.

Application 101116-7 North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding onsite ditches, Loxahatchee Slough and Unit 11.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concerns regarding mitigation.

Staff responded that the purpose of this project was to minimize the risks of collisions with birds; some mitigation will occur.

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired if the District measures the water quality of runoff from the project.

Staff responded that the District does not sample the water quality.

Application 100202-2 SR 997/Krome Avenue from SW 8th St. to Okeechobee Rd.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando questioned the status of the application.

Staff responded that the application is currently on waiver. Staff is working with the applicant to finalize the application.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

No comments

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 100527-13 Five Stones Mine

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concerns regarding the project being in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA).

Staff responded that this project was not in the EAA.

Application 111013-9 Binks Forest Landscaping at FPL Corridor

Public Comment: Rosa Durando questioned the purpose of the application.

Staff responded that the purpose of this application is for golf course irrigation. This will not influence the preservation area.

Application 990129-8 Mirasol Recharge Pump Facility

Public Comment: Rosa Durando questioned the “tech deny” status.

Staff responded that the “tech deny” status means that the application currently does not meet all the technical criteria. The application is currently on waiver. The applicant, homeowner and staff are working closely to resolve related issues.

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the status of the application.

Staff responded the application is currently on wavier.

Application 101215-11 Lake Worth Utilities

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concerns regarding discharge.

Staff responded that the application is for a public water supply and there is no discharge.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Application 110803-7 Holley Mud Hole

Public Comment: Alex Larson asked if this was a rock mining operation.

Staff responded that this was not a rock mining operation; the water use is for recreational purposes.

Application 110527-10 BMP Brighton Groves I and II

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding C-40 and water quality.

Staff responded that these projects were to install water quality treatment systems for existing farming operations to improve runoff into the C-40.

City of West Palm Beach

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding the excessive water use by the City.

Staff responded that they have been meeting with utility representatives and the City Commission to address the issue. Future meetings have been scheduled to discuss the consent order.

6. Application Specific Discussions - Wellington Countryplace PUD/Parcel B, Pod E & Pod F

- Application No. 060414-25 – Environmental Resource Permit (Conceptual Approval and Construction/Operation Modification)
- Application No. 100323-16 – Water Use Permit (Dewatering)
- Application No. 060511-5 – Water Use Permit (Irrigation)

Public Comment: Janna Lhota, an attorney with Holland & Knight representing homeowner Victoria McCullough, objected to the issuance of the permit.

Public Comment: Cheryl Carpenter, an environmental consultant also representing Victoria McCullough, objected to the issuance of the permit. Ms. Carpenter expressed concerns regarding endangered species, natural resources and wildlife.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding Peacock Pond and objected to the issuance of the permit.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concerns regarding past violations, and issues with snail kites. Ms. Durando objected to the issuance of the permit.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando also expressed concerns regarding the dewatering permit and requested explanation.

Staff responded that this was for the installation of the utilities and the building of retention pond.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Brown informed everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

With no further questions or public comments, Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.