

# **South Florida Water Management District**

## **Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters**

November 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:

Robert M. Brown, Assistant Executive Director
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Division Director, Regulation Division
Tom Colios, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Ricardo Valera, Regulatory Administrator, Lower West Coast Service Center
Hugo Carter, Okeechobee Service Center
Marc Ady, Supervisor, Orlando Service Center

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Executive Director Robert M. Brown at 10:07 a.m. Mr. Brown reviewed the purpose of the meeting and introduced staff at the service centers. There were three members of the public present at District Headquarters in West Palm Beach; there were no members of the public at any of the service centers.

## 2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

## Application 071101-3 Charlotte Co. PWS/Babcock Ranch Wellfield

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding water use.

#### **Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress**

Public Comment: Drew Martin representing the Sierra Club inquired regarding the time limit on applications with a "no response" status.

Staff responded that the timeframe allowed for an application to be on "no response" depends on the reason. In the case of this application the applicant is working with the federal government to resolve panther issues.

#### Application 100323-16 Wellington Country Place Parcel B, Pod E and F

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the status of the Environmental Resource and Water Use applications associated with this application.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concerns regarding animal waste, compliance with Best Management Practices and water quality.

#### **Application 070313-15 Village of Wellington**

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

Staff responded that this application is to provide drinking water supply to the Village of Wellington.

#### 3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

## **Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority**

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding water use.

## **Application 950724-10 Riviera Beach Public Water Supply**

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding water use.

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

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding the District's ability to provide monitoring for compliance.

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

Staff responded that a draft of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was made available and the City held a public meeting; once the period to submit comments to the City ends they will then finalize the EIS.

## **Application 100126-5 Hacienda Lakes**

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding wetlands and wood stork habitat.

#### Application 081114-3 Facilities at Krome

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern with the location of this application and any proximity to the national park.

Staff responded that this application is adjacent to the State's federal prison facility.

## 4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

## **Application 111101-7 Western Plaza**

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

## **Application 060215-11 Village of Tequesta Public Water Supply**

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the two different locations listed on the staff report for this application.

Staff responded that this application covers the Village of Tequesta in which parts are located in Palm Beach and Martin County. The well fields are located in Martin County.

## 5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the increase of water storage levels in STA-1 East.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the possibility of Lion Country Safari submitting an application to drain wetlands.

Staff responded that currently there are no applications in house.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the process to remove a canal.

Staff responded that it would be required to go thru the permitting process.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired what changes will be made to the permitting process, and commented on the discussion at the November Governing Board meeting regarding the One Stop permitting process.

Staff responded that the One Stop discussion was to integrate State and Federal processes. The District is seeking to streamline its application process.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding permit 50-09862-W issued to Oakmont Estates; she expressed concerns regarding water discharge and potential arsenic contamination.

Staff responded that this permit is for the installation of residential swimming pools; any water discharge will go into a sanitary sewer that will be treated by the Village of Wellington.

#### 6. Adjourn

Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.