



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

December 21, 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
Sharon M. Trost, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Division Director, Regulation Division
Maria C. Clemente, Bureau Chief, Water Use
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 10:12 a.m. Ms. Trost 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

There were no comments received on this item.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding water use and water discharge.

Staff responded that the overall allocation for this application will not increase from the previously issued permit.

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

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

Staff responded that the City is working to finalize their Environmental Impact Statement.

Application 081114-3 Facilities at Krome

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application

Staff responded that this application is for expansion of the local state prison facility.

Application 110922-9 Latt Maxcy Biofuel Crop Project

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded that this application is for agricultural use; water sources are from existing wells and Upper Floridan Aquifer.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

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

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding endangered species and wetlands.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding wetlands.

Staff responded that this application has been petitioned. An administrative hearing has been set for April 2 thru April 4, 2012, and the District will participate in the hearing unless a settlement is reached between the applicant and the petitioner.

Application 111118-18 Belvedere Road and Haverhill Road Intersection

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded that this application is a compliance letter modification.

Application 111116-14 Pine Run Townhomes

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded that this application is a request for a permit time extension.

Application 111205-12 Acme Improvement District

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this application.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concerns regarding permit 50-00430-S, Palm Beach County Amestoy Property issued to Palm Beach County and permit 50-00548-S-09, Big Cypress Replat at Palm Beach Polo and Country Club issued to Acme Improvement District.

Specifically, she expressed concerns regarding water quality being discharged into the C-51 canal and potential change in land use for the Amestoy property.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding permit 50-00430-S Palm Beach County Amestoy Property issued to Palm Beach County.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding Senate Bill 2156 recently approved by the Governor.

Staff responded that this Senate Bill is for Environmental Resource Permits, allowing permittees to extend their permits expiration date.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding changes to the permitting process timeline and it's affects on due diligence.

Staff responded that the permitting requirements will not change; changes to the permitting timelines have already been implemented.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concerns with the Bird Drive Basin and any possibility of wetland loss.

Staff responded that the District's criteria is no net loss in wetland functions. Also the District uses the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) to score wetlands and if there is any proposed wetland impacts the applicant is required to off-set these impacts.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding any incentive program the District might offer for someone submitting an application proposing changes to any existing agricultural land.

Staff responded that the District does not have any incentive programs.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding the C-51 and drainage into the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Staff responded that there was a divide structure built west of State Road 7; any water draining west will not drain into the Lagoon. Since completion of the new structure, flows into the Lagoon have been significantly reduced.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding discussions at the Water Resources Task Force meeting regarding the amount of water draining into the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Staff will provide Ms. Larson with information regarding the amount of water draining into the Lagoon.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.