

# **South Florida Water Management District**

# **Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters**

August 15, 2012
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 Executive Director, Regulation Division
Pamela Wade, Bureau Chief, Everglades Regulation
Maria Clemente, Bureau Chief, Water Use
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Daniel Waters, Section Leader, Lower West Coast 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. Ms. Trost reviewed several procedural items and introduced staff at the service centers. There were two 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 public comments regarding this item.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

There were no public comments regarding this item.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

There were no public comments regarding this item.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Jane Graham representing Audubon of Florida commended the District for providing the public with the opportunity to comment on permitting issues at this meeting. Ms. Graham commented on the criteria for heighten public concern items and made suggestions to the District's ePermitting system.

Staff responded that the criteria for determining heighten public concern applications include third party concerns or any potential for a legal challenge. Also enhancements to the ePermitting system will be ongoing for the next few years.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando of the Audubon Society of the Everglades expressed concern regarding the recently approved permit for the Wellington Country Place PUD Parcel B, Pod E and F (50-09386-W) regarding the water use allocation.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on a Governing Board resolution approved at the August 9, 2012 meeting authorizing the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish District lands as part of the 2012-12 fall hunting season.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando expressed concern regarding a recently issued permit for The Mandel Jewish Community Center/Arthur I Meyer Academy (50-00610-S-27), more specifically regarding the location of the off-site wetland mitigation.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on the Vavrus property recently purchased by a private developer and any possibility of development on this property. She also commented on the Mecca Farms property and the District's land exchange with the County.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on a recently issued permit for Shadowwood Square (50-10037-W), more specifically Ms. Durando requested clarification on the water use allocation.

## 6. Adjourn

Mr. Brown announced that the next meeting will be held on September 19, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.