



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

October 17, 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:

Sharon M. Trost, Director Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Executive Director, Regulation Division
Anita Bain, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Permitting
Brian Tilles, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Compliance
Tom Colios, Section Leader, Water Use
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Ricardo Valera, Regulatory Administrator, Lower West Coast Service Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Regulatory Division Director Sharon M. Trost at 10:02 a.m. Ms. Trost reviewed the purpose of the meeting and introduced staff at the service centers. There were 14 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

Application 120703-6 Lake Worth / Lyons Residential Property

Public Comment: Mike Musto (homeowner) expressed concerns with any potential wetland impacts. Mr. Musto also presented photos to staff of the wetland on-site, spoke regarding the condition of the wetland and mentioned various wildlife species present.

Public Comment: Juli Shirley (homeowner) expressed concern regarding wetland impacts and requested the District deny this application.

Public Comment: Joann Davis representing 1000 Friends of Florida expressed that the applicant has failed to minimize and avoid any wetland impacts. Ms. Davis performed a site visit and spoke regarding the condition of the wetland and the wildlife species on-site. Ms. Davis requested that no off-site mitigation be permitted with this application.

Public Comment: Lieghann Fischer. Ms. Fischer's residential property includes the southeast portion of the wetland. Ms. Fischer has requested to have access to her property close to the western property line.

Public Comment: Drew Martin representing Sierra Club expressed concern regarding potential wetland impacts. Mr. Martin also expressed concern regarding recent flooding events in Palm Beach County and the loss of wetland functions due to urban development.

Public Comment: Joe Lelonek representing AL Lake Worth, LLC mentioned some of the environmental issues and provided clarification regarding roadway construction and Palm Beach County's request to provide an alternate access for the neighbors in the event of a problem with the current road access.

Public Comment: Jerry Renick, Senior Environmentalist with Land Design South spoke regarding a previous application submitted to the District for this site and the current mitigation plans regarding the on-site wetland.

Public Comment: John Wheeler, Engineer with Caufield & Wheeler spoke regarding the preliminary land surveying performed onsite and the various control elevations within this project site.

Staff responded that this application is currently under review and all application information is available through our ePermitting website.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding water quality and flooding issues and it's relation to urban development.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.