

South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

February 20. 2013
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
Maria Clemente, Bureau Chief, Water Use
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Ricardo Valera, Regulatory Administrator, Lower West Coast Service Center
Benita Whalen, Director, Agricultural Water Programs

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Regulatory Division Director Sharon M. Trost at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Trost reviewed the purpose and requested all comments be regarding regulatory issues. Ms. Trost introduced staff in the service centers. There were three members of the public present at District Headquarters in West Palm Beach; no members of the public were present at any of the service centers.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

Application 050202-14 Airport – Sears MSBU Master Plan Drainage Improvement

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding wetlands.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 120703-6 Lake Worth/Lyons Residential Property

Ms. Bain provided an update regarding this application and indicated that after recent meetings between staff, the applicant and their consultants a revised site plan will be submitted; there will be no wetland impacts on-site.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his appreciation regarding the District's involvement in preserving the wetland.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the status of this application and inquired regarding wetland impacts and animal habitat.

Ms. Bain indicated that the applicant is working on a panther study.

Application 081114-3 Facilities at Krome

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the location of this property.

Application 040830-22 Lemon Grove Mitigation Bank

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

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 121211-5 Stribling Way Landscape and Irrigation Improvement

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding the water source for this application.

Application 121101-2 Al-Amin Center

Public Comment: Rosa Durando inquired regarding this application.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding applications placed on the List of Applications of Heighten Public Concern report. Ms Larson also commented on the water withdrawals from the C-51 Reservoir and the FPL Power Plant water use.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on the possibility of the dredging and widening of Taylor Creek.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on a permit issued to Seacoast Utility Authority and any impacts to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding tree removal on Heritage Farms. Mr. Martin also commented regarding budget reduction and permitting fees

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented on the Bethesda Hospital permit and impacts to the adjacent agricultural reserve areas.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding District criteria for potential impacts to isolated wetlands.

Public Comment: Rosa Durando commented on the Bethesda Hospital permit and impacts to the adjacent agricultural reserve areas.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented on the purchase of the Vavrus property.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.