

South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

April 16, 2014
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:

Sharon M. Trost, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Director, Regulation Division
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Dan Waters, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Stan Orlowski, Section Administrator, Regulatory Support
Jonathan Shaw, Section Leader, Water Use
Anita Bain, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Permitting Bureau
Ricardo Valera, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Compliance
Jesse Markel, Section Leader, Okeechobee Service Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Trost at 10:07 a.m. Ms. Trost reviewed the purpose and requested all comments be regarding regulatory issues and introduced staff at headquarters and the service centers. There were six members of the public present at the District Headquarters. There were no members of the public present at any of the service centers.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

Application 130108-17 Biscayne Landings

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed opposition to the issuance of this permit.

Application NPBCID (Briger Tract)
Multiple applications 131119-5, 131216-7, 1402011-13, 140212-1, 140321-16

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern with the issuance of these permits.

Public Comment: Drew Martin, representing the Sierra Club, expressed concern with the issuance of this permit.

Staff met separately with Mr. Martin on April 29th to discuss his concerns.

Application 130422-7 North Palm Beach County Aviation Airport

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding impacts and wildlife and expressed opposition to the issuance of this permit.

Staff responded that an evaluation was done prior to filling in the wetlands and mitigation was done for the wetlands that were filled. Staff explained the project is currently a dewatering project and that the western parcel is being preserved as a wetland. Issues with regards to bird strikes are a public safety issue.

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl inquired with regards to a newspaper Article that discussed filling at the Airport to expand a runway.

Staff explained that this type of work would require permit authorization from the District.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 140212-1 Crosstown Parkway Extension (Bridge Over North Forks)

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application and expressed opposition to the issuance of this permit.

Staff met separately with Mr. Martin on April 29th to discuss his concerns.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns with regards to all new water use applications in Broward County.

Application 140110-22 Lyons Road (Lantana road to LWDD L-14 Canal)

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140325-2 Flagler Station 3 Phase 1 Improvement and Interconnect Pipe

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140226-9 Palm Beach County Biotechnology Research Park

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff explained that this application has been withdrawn.

Application 140224-10/140224-19 Gulfstream Preserve

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of these applications.

Application 140307-13 Walgreens

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the permit land use type listed on District reports as agricultural.

Staff clarified that the permit land use has been corrected from agricultural use to irrigation use.

Application 140107-2 Hyder Agr- PUD

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140212-4 Orlando International Airport

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired if the applicant is proposing any expansion of the airport.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 1403117-10 Babcock

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140319-12 Fox Grove Lots 15; 140319-9 Fox Grove Lot 62 140320-2 Fox Grove Lot 59

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding these applications.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the applications.

Application 140306-18 Snook Islands - Spartina Planting

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 130521-9 Bonita Grande Mine

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 131015-7 South County Regional Park

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 1401411-6 L-8 Deer Run and White Fences

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 130918-10 Highland Dunes

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded the project is complete.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl inquired regarding soil testing within Mintos West.

Staff explained that prior to any construction, the landowner would be required to do an assessment of the property for any potential contamination. If there are any issues identified, the Department of Environmental Protection will work with the landowner to resolve the issues.

Public Comment: Alex Larson and Anne Kuhl commented regarding a flyer that Mintos is sending to the homeowners of Palm Beach County Loxahatchee area concerning drainage.

Staff will have the appropriate district staff member contact them regarding drainage in the area.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.