



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

June 18, 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:

Lennart Lindahl, Assistant Executive Director
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
Maria Clemente, Bureau Chief, Water Use
Jesse Markel, Section Leader, Okeechobee Service Center
Beth Ross, Attorney, Office of Counsel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Len Lindahl at 10:02 a.m. Mr. Lindahl reviewed the purpose and requested all comments be regarding regulatory issues and introduced staff at headquarters and the service centers. There were three member 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

There were no items discussed.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

There were no items discussed.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented and express opposition to all applications listed as new water use.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented on street flooding in South Florida.

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding wetland determination permits.

Staff explained this type of permit is only to determine the wetland boundaries based on current conditions.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented and expressed opposition to water farming.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented and expressed concern regarding the dredging of the ports for commerce.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented and expressed concern regarding future train lines being constructed.

Application 140327-13 Bridges

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Application 140513-9 Burt Reynolds Park West Side

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented and expressed concern regarding drainage in Winter Hawk, Jupiter.

Application 140529-4 Nob Hill Road- County Line Road to Lox Road

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140317-20 Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit- Osceola Parkway

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Application 050202-14 Airport- Sears MSBU Master Plan Drainage

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Application 130718-23 Off-Road Vehicle Trail Stabilization

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application. Ms. Larson also inquired

regarding the enforcement procedure.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application and explained that Big Cypress National Preserve is responsible for creating and enforcing trail guidelines

Application 140124-4 (ERP) and 140421-3 (WU) Estates at Entrada

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding these applications.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the applications.

Application 131029-9 60th Street N- 120th Ave N to East of Royal Palm Beach

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl inquired regarding the permit. Ms. Kuhl also requested that all future projects in the area be marked as Heightened Public Concern.

Staff agreed that all future projects in the area would be placed on the Heightened Public Concern report.

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl inquired concerning railroads permitting history in South Florida.

Staff explained the history concerning railroads permitting in the District.

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl expressed concern regarding the impact freight on railroads will have on South Florida.

Staff agreed that all future projects concerning new railways would be placed on the Heightened Public Concern report.

Application 140603-11 Frenchmans Creek Country Club

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Sierra Club) inquired if the District did recommend water conservation efforts to the applicant.

Staff explained that the district does recommend water conservation requirements that must be adopted prior to issuance of the permit.

Application 140414-4 Metropica

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the removal of the Conservation Easement on this project.

Staff explained that the Conservation easement area is owned by Broward County and therefore removed by the County; the district did not have any involvement in this matter.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired about the Taylor Trust project that involves mangrove removal.

Staff explained that project is being handled by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired if the application for All Aboard Florida which traverses Johnathan Dickenson State Park has been submitted.

Staff explained that this application has not been received and that it will be placed on the Heightened Public Concern report.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented on the control elevations used for construction.

Staff explained how the elevation calculations for construction are determined.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented on the lack of wetland protection and inquired regarding the method for mitigation calculation.

Staff explained that mitigation for wetlands is calculated using a statewide wetland function.

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl expressed concern and inquired regarding reclaimed water being bought by Palm Beach County from Broward County.

Staff explained the reason for using reclaimed water.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding reclaimed water.

Staff explained that Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regulates reclaimed water, the District as an agency of the state has been requested to assist in the distribution of reclaim water.

Application 131029-9 60th Street N- 120th Ave N to East of Royal Palm Beach

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding the permit and asked all future projects in the area be marked as Heightened Public Concern.

Application 140411-6 L-8 Deer Run

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application with regards to the new water use application type.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. by Sharon Trost.