



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

September 17, 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 Orłowski, Section Administrator, Regulatory Support
Maria Clemente, Bureau Chief, Water Use
Barbara Conmy, Section Leader, 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 Lennart 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 five 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 140418-12 All Aboard Florida Safety Maintenance Access (Mp 299.1-365.1)

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

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl expressed concern and opposition to the issuance of this permit.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 140905-3 All Aboard Florida

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern and opposition regarding this application.

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl expressed concern and opposition to the issuance of this permit.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Sierra Club) inquired regarding the status of this application.

Staff responded explained the applicant is revising the habitat plan.

Application 090107-1 Crosstown Parkway Extension (Bridge Over North Forks)

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed opposition to the issuance of this permit. Mr. Martin is concerned with a bridge going through a state park.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 140714-6; 140714-5; 140714-4 Testing App Used for Cupcon

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the applications labeled CUPCon.

Staff responded with a brief explanation of the new CUPCon (Consumptive Use Permit) rules and explained that these applications were for testing purposes.

Application 140729-3 Koenig Ranch

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern and opposition to this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140411-6 L-8 Deer Run and Equestrian Estates

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern and opposition to this application.

Application 140828-13 Everglades National Park 14 Sites and Headquarters

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140826-18 Stonebridge Country Club – Golf Course

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff will review the application and respond to Ms. Larson directly.

Application 140827-3 Watercrest- 42 Acres

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140826-17 Margaretville Hollywood Beach Resort

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140807-17 Picayune Strand Faka Station

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140904-5 Palm Beach Aggregates Sand/ Limestone Facility

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140902-21 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the canal mentioned in this application.

Staff responded that the District works closely with the 298 Districts.

Application 140904-16 Brickell Citycentre Water and Sewer Utility Connections

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff will review the application and respond to Ms. Larson directly.

Application 140903-3 Port Everglades Wetland Construction and Planting

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140829-5 Tulipan Tilapia Farm

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding new water in Broward.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding a newspaper article dated December 2, 1999, discussing the then proposed Ag Reserve.

Application 090107-1 Crosstown Parkway Extension (Bridge Over North Forks)

Public Comment: Lace Vitunac (Conservation Alliance of St Lucie County) expressed opposition to the issuance of this permit. Ms. Vitunac requested that an alternate site be used for the Bridges location to preserve eco habitats in the area.

Public Comment: Henry Flower (Conservation Alliance of St Lucie County) homeowner in the affected area expressed opposition to the issuance of this permit

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed opposition to the issuance of this permit. Stated the Sierra Club is in agreement and supports the views of Conservation Alliance of St Lucie o this matter.

Corbit Levee

Public Comment: Anne Kohl inquired and expressed concern in regards to the proposed Corbit Levee.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concerns over the proposal for the Corbit Area Levee.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns over the proposal for the Corbit Area Levee.

Staff responded that the District has had presentations for the public concerning this area. These meeting were held at Indian Drainage District.

Emergency Order SFWMD No. 2014-078-DAO-WU/ROW/ERP FPL Turkey Point- Cooling Canals

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired about this project. Mr. Martin is also concerned with the monitoring of the American Crocodile in the cooling canals.

Staff responded explaining the Governing Board granted an emergency order on this project.

Public Comment: Anne Kohl inquired and expressed concern regarding this project.

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired and expressed concern regarding to this project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired if Minto/Avenir has submitted an application.

Staff responded that no application has been received as of this date.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired in regards to a Mangrove Removal Permit in the Riviera

Beach Area.

Staff responded that they would need further information regarding the location to determine if this is a District permit or a DEP permit.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

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Public Comment: Anne Kohl inquired and expressed concern regarding to this project.

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired and expressed concern regarding to this project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired concerning Homeland.

Staff responded with a brief explanation concerning the area.

Public Comment: Drew Martin asks for clarification if there is an evasive plant control regulation or ordinance concerning this matter.

Staff explained that there is no such ordinance in the state.

Public Comment: Drew Martin asked for regulations to be increase on preserving wetlands (monitoring) in regards to the effect they have on water quality.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.