



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

July 22, 2015

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:

Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Director, Regulation Division
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Melissa Roberts, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Lower west Coast Service Center
Thomas Colios, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Barbara Conmy, Section Leader, Environmental Resource Permitting Bureau
Susan Martin, Senior Practice Expert, Office of Counsel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Anthony Waterhouse at 10:02 a.m. Mr. Waterhouse reviewed the purpose and requested all comments be regarding regulatory issues and introduced staff at headquarters and the service centers. There were four members of the public present at the District Headquarters. There were no members of the public present at any of the service centers.

2, 3,4 Comments on Permits Pending or Issued

Application 141120-2 Minto West

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding possible contaminates on the land.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the newspaper article that stated the county is being asked to help pay for the project. Mr. Martin also inquired regarding draining and additional water on the project.

Public Comment: Alan Ballweg expressed his concern and opposition to this application. Mr. Ballweg is concerned that the Minto project will go against the mission statement of the District.

Mr. Ballweg is also concerned that the project will have negative impact and permanent harm to the region.

Application 141218-2 Fisheating Creek Floating Aquatic Vegetative Tilling (FAVT)

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Staff explained this application is to move water for cleaning purposes and that the tilling is part of that process.

Application 131119-5 NPBCID Unit 2 C Phase 1

Application 131216-7 NPBCID Unit 2 C Neighborhood 1

Application 141009-9 Alton Tract B- Community Recreation & Fitness Facility

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding a newspaper article on this project and the homes being built. Mrs. Larson inquired with regards to what occurs after an appeal is won.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application and the current status. Mr. Martin expressed his opposition to this project.

Application 140813-14 F.D.O.T Mitigation - Sheridan Street Natural Area

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Application 141208-8 Debuys Property

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150112-13 Avenir

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed her opposition to wetland determinations.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed opposition to this project. His concern is the effect this project will affect the Loxahatchee River Restoration Project.

Application 150130-15 Lykes Brighton Agricultural Project

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150428-1 North Feeder Canal Favt

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Staff explained this application is not for a power plant but water quality treatment.

Application 150521-11 Usace - Hhd Structure S-275 (C-12)

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150526-5 Indiantown F P L

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150603-16 Apron Expansion Phase One

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150619-25 Buena Vista Palace Pool and Amenity Area

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150622-8 Downey Ranches

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150623-17 FLL Terminal 1 Modernization Program

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application. Mrs. Larson is concerned with flooding in the area.

Application 150623-19 Fiddler's Creek Master Dewatering

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150624-4 Monsanto Company

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150619-26 Penn-Florida Club Properties I I

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150622-17 F P L Research and Evaluation Facilities

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150623-18 UTC – Utc-Pratt and Whitney Master Dewatering

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150625-1 Atlantic Commons Commercial Parcel

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150623-23 LTC Ranch (Ref: A#150617-13)

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 150622-2 Replace Canal Crossing, John Tiger Poole/Angela Billie Camp

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the purpose of the application.

Application 140516-10 Wildblue

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Sierra Club) inquired regarding the status of this project with relation to the veto of the dispersed water program by Tallahassee.

Staff responded explaining this project is not for dispersed water.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding the black bear/human conflict the area that used to be wildlife habitat and he is opposed to this project. Mr. Martin is especially concerned with the effects to the wildlife corridors.

Application 140902-5 Ocean Ridge Restoration Project

Public Comment: Drew Martin is opposed to this project. Mr. Martin requested to be notified if the status for this application changes. Mr. Martin made a comment regarding property owner's rights and reminded staff of the project neighbor's comments that had been made in a previous meetings.

Application 150410-5 S R 7 Extension from Okeechobee Blvd to North Lake Blvd

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed the Sierra Club is opposed to anything that goes through Grassy Waters Park or effects the park.

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern with regards to the additional lanes and the effect on the cypress trees and homes in the area.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin strongly opposes this project.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Comments on the Meeting Format

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed her dislike with regard to the new meeting format.

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Sierra Club) asked regarding having an email sent in response to questions asked at this meeting.

Water Farming

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed her concern with regards to "water farming".

Dewatering

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed her concern with regards to dewatering and its impacts.

News Paper Articles

Public Comment: Alex Larson comment regarding a newspaper article on Big Cypress Basin.

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding the PBC Aggregates Project with regards to the effect on the local wells. Mrs. Larson expressed her opposition to this project.

Strazzula Tract

Public Comment: Drew Martin is concerned with what is occurring to the Strazzula tract.

Loxahatchee Refuge Park

Public Comment: Drew Martin is concerned regarding low water tables

Mangrove Removal/Spartan Grass

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the progress on these projects.

Adena Springs

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding this spring. Mr. Martin did clarify the spring is outside of this District's jurisdiction.

Building on Mitigation District's

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding Mitigation lands that are being built on.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding if the District tracks these types of projects.

Clearing of Land on Jog Road

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired related to lands being cleared on Jog between Belvedere and Okeechobee.

Natural Vegetation

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the preservation of natural vegetation in the landscaping of projects.

Droughts on the West Coast of the US

Public Comment: Drew Martin gave comments regarding the drought in the West and the changes that the drought has caused in the area. Mr. Martin also asked for clarification as to whether Florida regulates the water aquifers (ground water) as well as surface water, stating that they are connected and should be considered jointly.

Staff explained that Florida Water Law regulates both surface water and ground water.

Opens Spaces and Native Species

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented that we should do a better job in the future of preserving this items.

6. Adjourn

Staff reminded the attendees that information is available online using ePermitting and training is available on using this webpage.

Staff will be available to answer questions once the meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.