



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

August 19, 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:

Sharon M. Trost, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Director, Regulation Division
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Brad Cook, Section Leader, Fort Myers Service Center
Thomas Colios, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Carlos DeRojas, Section Leader, Environmental Resource Permitting Bureau

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Trost at 10:06 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

No Items for discussed.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 150728-3 Kanter 23-1

Public Comment: Jack McCluskey is opposed to any and all drilling that would occur in the Everglades. Having been a resident of South Florida since 1945, he states that Florida is running short on clean water and this is an intrusion on the Biscayne Aquifer. Mr. McCluskey is opposed to any steps that furthers drilling of any kind. Mr. McCluskey mentioned the resolutions that cities and Drainage Districts have issued or are considering that are in opposition to drilling by Kanter.

Public Comment: Sandra Lee (City of Pembroke Pines) discussed Resolution 2015R28 opposing the new oil drilling permit submitted by Kanter. This opposition is against any extreme well drilling and fracking. (A copy of this resolution can be found on-line under this application number).

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Sierra Club) opposed this project. The reason for the opposition is in part due to the effect on water catchment areas which have been established by the state for Everglades restoration. These areas have flowage easement and are important to the restoration of the Everglades. Any use of waters in these areas will take water away from the Everglades. Mr. Martin reminder staff that the Everglades National Park has been having issues with high salinity due to lack of freshwater. Mr. Drew is concerned that any water being used would be very damaging to the park. Mr. Martin commented that the District has responsibilities to prevent activities in water catchment areas that is environmentally damaging including mining, oil exploration and natural gas exploration. Mr. Martin also commented regarding his concern with fracking and mining use a large amount of water that is used for these types of process that leave the water changed. He is concerned with the aquifers being contaminated by deep well injection. Mr. Martin asked that the public be keep informed of the status and when public input will be permitted. Mr. Martin is concerned that the former Director is consulting on this project .

Public Comment: Alex Larson is concerned that with the concerns of salt water intrusion on the east coast of Florida that no mining of any kind should be permitted. Mrs. Larson is opposed to this project.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding this project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this project.

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

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding this project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this project.

Application 150410-5 SR7 Extension from Okeechobee Blvd to Palm Beach Count North Lake Extension

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding this project. Mrs. Larson opposed to the road being expanded.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this project. Mr. Martin opposed this project if it impact Grassy Waters.

General Public Comment: Alex Larson commented in opposition to mining in Lee and Charlotte Counties.

Application 140902-5 Ocean Ridge Restoration Project

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this project.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this project.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin opposes this project running through a state park.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 150810-20 Crestwood Informal Wetlands & Osws Determination

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 150810-10 8701 Collins Avenue

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 150810-18 East Central Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 150811-20 All American Ditch Stormwater Quality Retrofit

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project

Application 150811-14 Treasure Coast Groves

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 150810-5 Watford Cattle Company

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 150619-8 Four Seasons At Parkland (F.K.A. Parkland Royale)

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 150423-5 Jupiter Inlet Colony Neighborhood Rehabilitation

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 131119-5 NPBCID Unit 2 C Phase 1

Application 131216-7 NPBCID Unit 2 C Neighborhood 1

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this project.

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this project.

Application 141120-2 Minto West

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this project.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Sun Sentinel Article regarding the Everglades and Farmers

General Public Comment: Alex Larson was appalled by this misguided praise to the farmers for efforts regarding cleaning up the Everglades.

L-8

General Public Comment: Alex Larson displayed her water filters prior to the L-8 drawdown and recently. She expressed that there is an effect on surrounding well when drawdown occurs in the L-8.

Mangrove /Cypress Tree Removal

General Public Comment: Drew Martin asked these projects be marked as Heighten Public Concern.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Study on Fracking

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding fracking mentioning the study that the EPA is conducting.

Mining Law of 1872

General Public Comment: Drew Martin discussed this law pertaining to miners not having responsibilities to the land they leave damaged. Mr. Martin is concerned that allowing mining to occur will contaminate the water and once that occurs it is not easy to fix.

Farmers

General Public Comment: Drew Martin appreciated that the farmers are attempting to improve water quality, but more needs to be done.

6. Adjourn

Staff reminded the attendees that information is available on line 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 11:09 a.m.