



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

October 14, 2015

10:00 a.m.

South Florida Water Management District - B-1 Auditorium
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
Maria Clemente, Bureau Chief, Water Use Bureau
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Melissa Roberts, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Fort Myers Service Center
Jesse Markle, Section Leader, Okeechobee Regulatory Office
Thomas Colios, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Barb Conmy, Section Leader, Environmental Resource Permitting Bureau
Gary Colechio, Director of Community Engagement

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Trost at 10:02 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 three 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 140124-13 Centerplace
Application 140516-10 Wildblue

Public Comment: Alex Larson asked for the acreage of these projects.

Staff responded with the acreage for each project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Sierra Club, Lake Worth Soil and Water Conservation) commented regarding loss of wetlands or reduced water quality that may be caused by this project.

Application 150126-17 Turkey Point Cooling Canal

Public Comment: Alex Larson opposes the issuance of this application. Mrs. Larson is concerned with the future proposal regarding deep well injections stating that there is a failure rate with these wells.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding this project. Mr. Martin is concerned with regard to a new proposal for additional buildings. Mr. Martin is also concerned that there will be environmental impacts from the power plant and deep well injections. Mr. Martin is also concern with a Hurricane causing damage to the plant and the impacts that could occur to surrounding areas. Mr. Martin is also concerned with the salinity in the Biscayne Bay and Florida Bay. Mr. Martin also commented regarding the difference between the Emergency Order and the Permit.

Staff explained the new proposal for additional structures and explained that this application is not for those additional structures. Staff further explained the difference between an Emergency Order and a Permit. Mr. Martin was also reminded that some of his concerns are permitted by the Department of Environmental Permitting (DEP) and that he should contact them regarding these concerns. Staff also reminded the member of the public that all the FPL pumping report are available on our webpage.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application 060217-9 PONDELLA 460

Application 120622-9 EDEN OAK

Application 141020-12 CORKSCREW CROSSING

Application 150105-5 HIDEAWAY COVE

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding Lee and Charlotte Counties not having enough water.

Public Comment: Drew Martin made a general comment on the 4 Lee County projects inquiring regarding the run off and the effect on wetlands.

General Public Comment: Alex Larson commented that when a project has a problem regarding water or the environment then the solution to the problem should be sought out near the problem instead of miles away.

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

Public Comment: Alex Larson is concerned with the environmental impacts of this project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding this project.

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

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding this project. Mr. Martin is opposed to this project if it impacts Grassy Waters and believes that it will since this highway will impact Ibis and this will affect the wildlife in the areas. Mr. Martin is concerned it will increase traffic and wished the route to be changed so as to not impact these areas.

Public Comment: Chris Swartz is opposed to this project. Ms. Swartz is concerned that the animals in the wetlands will be endangered by this project.

Staff clarified that although the District permits the roads, the decision as to where and how wide a road will be is decided by the County Planning Department.

Application 150728-3 Kanter 23-1

Public Comment: Drew Martin is opposed this project. Mr. Martin is concerned that the location of this project will affect the wetland and flow ways in and surrounding the project. Mr. Martin is concerned with Mineral Rights and how this threatens the environment.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding this project he is concerned with the pressure the wildlife is being put under.

Application 050202-14 Airport Sears- MSBU Master Plan Drainage Improvement

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding this project.

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Application 140902-5 Ocean Ridge Restoration Project

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented 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 150930-8 NPBCID Unit 2 C Phase 1 Tracts B and O 10

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding this project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding this project.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public General Comment: Alex Larson requested that projects related to drainage be evaluated carefully because she states there is no drainage.

Public General Comment: Alex Larson opposes the draining and filling of the pits.

Public General Comment: Alex Larson opposes water farming.

Public General Comment: Alex Larson commented that rules need to be written to start protecting people and not business.

Public General Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding a Newspaper article with regards to a Large Mall being proposed near Palmetto and 75.

Public General Comment: Alex Larson opposes spraying of chemicals.

Public General Comment: Alex Larson commented regarding Sea Ranch in Boca Raton by the sea that wishes to remove 700 feet of sea grapes to improve the view and leave only 100 feet.

Public General Comment: Drew Martin stated that permits should be required to have to retain the natural area to hold water and be required to have water retention on site instead of off-site drainage.

Public General Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding a meeting at Palm Beach County where Palm Beach County gave FPL 100 MG of potable water. Mr. Martin commented regard why this did not come through the District.

Public General Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding Florida Bay not having enough water. Mr. Martin is concerned with the impacts caused by every permit issued in the area. Mr. Martin stated that the more water that is permitted the less water that goes to the parks.

Public General Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding the indirect impacts to the reef system from permits near the parks.

Public General Comment: Drew Martin commented that developments need to work with the environment that exist.

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 11:27 a.m.