



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

September 14, 2016

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:

Jill Creech, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Director, Regulation Division
Charles Walter, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Melissa Roberts, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Lower West Coast Service Center
Carolyn McCreedy, Engineering Specialist, Okeechobee Regulatory Office
Thomas Colios, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Carlos deRojas, Section Leader, Environmental Resource Bureau

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jill Creech at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Creech reviewed the purpose of the meeting and requested that all comments be regarding Regulatory issues and introduced the staff at Headquarters and the Service Centers. There was one member of the public present at the District Headquarters, three members of the public at the Lower West Coast, and no members present at the Okeechobee and Orlando Service Centers.

2. Adjourn

Application 150410-5 Acreage Reliever Road / SR 7 Extension

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Sierra Club), expressed his concerns and opposition to this application.

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

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns and opposition to this application.

3. Applications of Public Interest Concern Not Complete

Application 160711-8 Rural Lands West

Public Comment: Amber Crooks (Conservancy of SW Florida), expressed her concerns and opposition to this application as proposed.

Public Comment: Bobbie Lee Davenport (Cypress Cove Conservancy, Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida), expressed her concerns and opposition to this application as proposed.

Public Comment: Patty Whitehead (Responsible Growth Management Coalition), expressed her concerns and opposition to this application as proposed.

Application 141020-12 Corkscrew Crossings

Public Comment: Patty Whitehead expressed her concerns with application.

Application 150728-3 Kanter 23-1

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns and opposition to this application.

Application 140826-14 Boynton Shoreline Restoration and Protection

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns and opposition to this application.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application 160712-17 Lone Ranger Wetlands Reserve Program- NRCS

Public Comment: Amber Crooks expressed her concerns and opposition to this application as proposed. Ms. Crooks ask that this item be listed as an item of public concern due to possible impact to the panther habitat.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

General Public Comment: Bobbie Lee Davenport expressed her concerns regarding projects being built in areas of high density that could eliminate wildlife in those areas.

General Public Comment: Patty Whitehead expressed her concerns regarding projects being built in areas of high density that could eliminate wildlife habitats and endangering animals' lives.

General Public Comment: Patty Whitehead expressed her concerns regarding projects impairing existing watersheds.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding preservation of open spaces and areas of native habitat.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns regarding projects being built in wildlife habitats and endangering animal's lives.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin requested that any application for the community called Westlake (FKA Minto West) be marked as an item of public interest.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin requested that any application for Indian Trail Development be marked as an item of public interest.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns and opposition in regards to exploratory drilling and seismic testing in and near Big Cypress Preserve.

6. Adjourn

Staff reminded the attendees that information for all applications and permits is always available online using ePermitting and that training is available for using this website.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.