



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

October 18, 2017

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
Mark Ady, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Melissa Roberts, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Lower West Coast Service Center
Gary Priest, Section Leader, Okeechobee Regulatory Office
Simon Sunderland, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Barb Conmy, 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 Lower West Coast and at the District Headquarters. The Okeechobee and the Orlando Service Centers had no members of the public present.

2 and 3. Applications of Public Interest Concern

Application 141020-12 Corkscrew Crossing

Public Comment: Sean McCabe with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida expressed his concerns and opposition to this application.

Public Comment: Drew Martin with the Loxahatchee Sierra Club of the Palm Beaches, expressed his agreement with Mr. McCabe concerns and opposition in regards to this application.

Application 150922-3 All Aboard Florida North-South Rail Corridor Segment D09

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the status of this application.

Application 160711-8 Rural Lands West

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

Application 140902-5 Ocean Ridge Restoration Project

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the status of this application.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

General Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding if applications have been received in certain areas in Palm Beach.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding the need to protect panther and black bear habits and natural crossings.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding the need to protect wetland habitats for birds.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin comments that the cumulative impacts should be considered in regard to long term flooding.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concerns with regards to Lake Okeechobee.

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 was available to answer questions once the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.