



South Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

October 17, 2018

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 Daron and Marc Ady, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Brian Rose, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Fort Myers Service Center
Gary Priest, Section Leader, Okeechobee Regulatory Office
Nick Vitani, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Carlos de Rojas, 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 speaker cards be filled out for anyone wanting to speak. Staff at the Service Centers introduced themselves. There were no members of the public at the Fort Myers, Okeechobee and Orlando Service Centers. One member of the public was present at District Headquarters.

2. Applications of Public Interest – Pending Final Action

150410-5 Acreage Reliever Road/SR 7 Extension

Public Comment: Drew Martin on behalf of the Loxahatchee Sierra Club questioned if this project had a legal challenge against it.

Staff responded that it did and would be willing to discuss after the meeting.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed opposition to the project.

3. Applications of Public Interest – Not Complete

141020-12 Corkscrew Crossing

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed opposition to the project.

4. Public Comment of other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented that he will be attending a meeting about a Lennar project in Miramar that contains wetlands. He questioned if staff knew of this project and if they had applied for a permit.

Staff responded that they were aware of the application and would send him information via email.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concerns about our process of approving ERP applications for projects near coastlines where flooding could become an issue during hurricane season.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented that the District should consider runoff as part of the permitting process and mentioned the Alton project as an example of runoff affecting the water quality of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concerns about the effects of red tide on our coastlines.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented that he attended a meeting that discussed road projects and the effects of runoff and the mitigation required to offset them.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented that our common goal is to be better stewards of our environment.

6. Adjourn

Mrs. Creech reminded attendees that information for all applications and permits is available online using ePermitting and reminded attendees that the next meeting will be held on November 14, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.