



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

July 18, 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, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Marc 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
Alberto Naya, 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 10:02 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 were two members of the public present District Headquarters and no members of the public present at the Lower West Coast, the Okeechobee and the Orlando Service Centers.

2 Applications of Public Interest Pending Final Action

No comments.

3 Applications of Public Interest Concern Not Complete

171020-142 Corkscrew Crossing

Public Comment: Drew Martin (Loxahatchee Sierra Club), inquired regarding the status of this application.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Drew Martin requested that applications related to Town of West Lake water permits in un-incorporation Palm Beach, Avenir in Palm Beach Garden, the Mega Mall in Miami and the 836 Extension be added to the agenda when they are received.

Staff Comment: Many of these items have no application in house once they are received they will be added to the list.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding how items are added to the agenda.

Staff Comment: The process was explained.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding and application to remove mangrove in Boynton Beach.

Staff Comment: Application was withdrawn.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

General Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the new 404 permitting.

Staff Comment: Staff explained that Department of Environmental Protection will be taking the lead on these permits.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding permitting requirement for climate change, sea level rise and impacts of each.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin concerned with the pollution that is coming from Lake Okeechobee.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin recommended additional requirements that should be considering in permitting including a more natural approach, less removal of the native vegetation and soil, and use of bio swells.

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 10:12 a.m.