



South Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

September 19, 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
Melissa Roberts, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Fort Myers Service Center
Gary Priest, Section Leader, Okeechobee Regulatory Office
Alberto Naya, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau
Barbara 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 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 was the same project to which the City of West Palm Beach had objections.

Staff responded that it was the same project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin stated that the Sierra Club is also objecting to this project and expressed his concerns about the protection of Grassy Waters Preserve, its water quality, the effects on the wading bird population and the possibility of effects from a motor vehicle accident.

3. Applications of Public Interest Concern - Not Complete

141020-12 Corkscrew Crossing

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns about the project's effect on the panther habitat, wetlands within the area and open spaces, as well as nutrient run-off/contaminates from the development and its impacts on the wading bird population.

Public Comment: Drew Martin questioned if Corkscrew Crossing is a part of the Town of Big Cypress project.

Staff responded that it was not.

4. Public Comment of other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns about the Westlake Village project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns about the Avenir project and the possibility that it may impact water flows for the Loxahatchee River.

Public Comment: Drew Martin stated the Sierra Club is concerned about projects in the Agricultural Reserve Areas in Palm Beach County and the Mega Mall in Miami-Dade County.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired if the projects mentioned have applied for permits.

Staff responded that applications have not been received.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

General Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns that large amounts of rainfall could have negative impacts on our topography involving historic drainage areas that are not currently considered to be flood zones.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns about our permitting process and requested that we consider climate change and sea level rise into our review of incoming applications.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented on a Palm Beach County Commission meeting regarding the removal of a permanent perpetuity conservation easement and expressed his concerns about the wetlands within the easement and the removal's effect on our ability to review and address mitigation.

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 October 17, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.