



South Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

September 18, 2019

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
Marc Ady, 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
Adnan Mirza, Section Leader, Environmental Resource Bureau

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jill Creech at 10:05 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. Seven members of the public were present at District Headquarters.

2. **Applications of Pubic Interest – Pending Final Action:** no comments

3. **Applications of Public Interest – Not Yet Complete:** no comments

4. **Public Comment of other Pending Permit Applications:**

Wellington Green PUD Tract W-5 – Application No. 181113-24

Wellington Green MUPD Tract W-3 – Application No. 190122-24

Public Comment: Sheila Calderon, on behalf of the Sierra Club, expressed her concern about the impacts on the native wildlife and plants located in the preserves if development is allowed. She

stated that they were to be preserved in perpetuity. She is opposed to the project.

Public Comment: Norma Ewing on behalf of the Sierra Club expressed her concern about preserve areas and green spaces not being continually preserved as originally planned. She is concerned about development connected to land with agreements in place. She is opposed to the project.

Public Comment: Jim Ewing, a concerned citizen, expressed his strong concerns about the loss of green spaces and proposed development within these preserve areas. He stated that they were to be preserved in perpetuity. He is opposed to the project.

Public Comment: Pat Bachi, a concerned citizen, expressed concerns about the loss of green spaces, tree canopy and the effects of the proposed development on the wildlife. She is opposed to the project.

Public Comment: Mark Offerman, a concerned citizen, expressed his concern about the loss of green space thriving with wildlife, and worth saving. He is opposed to the project.

Public Comment: Scott Zucker, a concerned citizen and member of the Audubon Everglades Society, expressed his concern about protecting the preserve. He stated it is home to around 11 species of birds in this small remnant corridor and development would adversely affect the wildlife. He is opposed to the project.

Public Comment: Jim Mantozos, concerned citizen, expressed his concerns about the loss of local green areas over the years, noting these areas should be protected; especially since there is an agreement in place to preserve these areas. He is opposed to the project.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues: no comments

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 December 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.