

MEETING Minutes

Project Number: AET 8 (FPID No. 431737-1-52-01)

Meeting Date: Thursday March 15, 2018 09:30 AM

Meeting Place: 3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL

Participants: Barbara Conmy, SFWMD
Kenson Coupet, SFWMD
Jennifer Scholl, NOAA/NMFS
Martin Horwitz, FTE
Tammy Mayer, ESciences
Chris Dailey, RS&H
Kyle Olejniczak, RS&H
Ben Miller, RS&H

No call in participants.

Subject: SFWMD Pre-Application Meeting

The following paragraphs represent the draft minutes of this meeting:

These meeting minutes reflect pertinent discussions that took place during the course of the meeting and will serve as a guide for developing the permit application package for the submittal to SFWMD.

Introduction

Mr. Dailey opened the meeting with a brief description of the project within Palm Beach County (West Palm Service Area). The project primarily involves the removal of the ticket system and implementation of new electronic toll sites. The group was provided an agenda that included a map of the project area. A green dot on the map represents a new electronic toll site and a red dot is the removal of an existing site. A new site generally includes an overhead gantry and a small building with limited parking to allow for servicing of the toll equipment. Mr. Dailey and Mr. Horwitz outlined that the placement of the new toll facilities is limited to areas without metal reinforcement due to tolling equipment restrictions.

The project area spans 13 sites spanning the following basins: C-16, C-51, C-17, C-18, and Tidal St. Lucie.

C-16 Basin

- Mr. Dailey outlined that Site 1 is the removal of the Lantana toll site and is the only project in the C-16 basin. There would be no change to the permitted treatment facility.
- Ms. Conmy and Mr. Coupet asked what discussions had previously been held with Mr. de Rojas with respect to the permitting approach outlined on the table provided in the agenda.
- Regarding the net reduction areas, Mr. Horwitz noted that FTE would self-certify the .051 safety exemption. No Letter mod would be submitted to SFWMD.

C-51 Basin

- Mr. Dailey introduced the eight project sites within the basin.
- Ms. Conmy asked if the table presented included the total project area for each site. Mr. Dailey responded that the table only illustrates the impervious area. The table will be updated accordingly to include the total size of the area.
- The group discussed Site 2, which includes a new toll gantry and realigning the canal by installing a box culvert. The group concurred that relocating the canal would likely require an individual ERP. The SFWMD will not act until the canal ownership is clearly defined. Mr. Horwitz points out that the new toll facilities are placed with respect to the ultimate condition, so these facilities won't have to be moved.
- The group discussed Site 3, and Site 4, which also require work in the canals. These canals are located within the North Palm Beach Improvement District.
- Mr. Dailey outlined that Sites 2, 3 and 4 would be grouped together as one ERP since they are all located within the C-51 basin. Ms. Conmy agreed with this grouping approach.
- Regarding Sites 1i, 2i, 3i, and 4i, Mr. Coupet notes that since there are existing permits in these areas, a letter modification will be required for these removals.
- Mr. Coupet notes that the C-51 Basin has its own water quality permitting criteria.

C-17 Basin

- Mr. Dailey notes that Site 5i includes the removal of permitted facility. A letter modification is the likely approach.
- Mr. Coupet asks about dewatering. Mr. Horwitz notes that the dewatering is generally the responsibility of the contractor to determine when the design shows it can be constructed in the wet or meet the general permit by rule requirements.
- Site 5 – this site is planned to fill an adjacent linear borrow pit canal. Mr. Coupet notes that this may qualify for a general permit and he would like to get some guidance from Mr. de Rojas since it appears that this borrow pit is not a conveyance.
- Mr. Coupet notes that any additional impervious areas will need to be addressed with calculations or replacement treatment.
- Mr. Dailey outlines an approach of balancing, within the C-17 Basin, removal and addition of impervious area. Ms. Conmy and Mr. Coupet note that this could streamline the permitting process, but they would like to verify with Mr. de Rojas.

C-18 Basin

- Site 6 will require filling the adjacent canal and construction of equalization culverts on either side of the toll facility. Mr. Miller notes that this canal is in the NPBID. Mr. Horwitz indicated that a portion of this canal is owned by the Turnpike.
- Ms. Conmy notes that the exemption may apply here, but she would need to discuss streamlining permitting efforts in a more simplified way. Mr. Coupet concurs that it would be beneficial to try to group these individual sites to streamline the process.

Tidal St. Lucie Basin

- Removal of Site 7i would likely be done under a letter modification to document the removal of impervious area.
- Ms. Scholl asks if this site discharges to tidal water, Mr. Dailey responds that the project is located several miles from tidal waters.

Action Items:

- RS&H will calculate affected area for each site and will update table.
- Demonstrate swapping impervious removal (demo sites) with new construction (TES) sites.
- Following completion of the meeting minutes, the group concluded that an additional teleconference Go-to-Meeting would be beneficial prior to submitting permits. This Go-to-Meeting would include Mr. de Rojas.

The meeting for this project was adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM.

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