

EPC SPECIAL

2/2/00

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S BOARD ROOM
FEBRUARY 2, 2000
3:30 PM**

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

I. WETLANDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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| A. Environmental Impact Statement For the Proposed Desalination Facility | 1 |
| B. Recommend Board Concurrence That EPC Not File an Administrative Challenge to the Lower Hillsborough River Minimum Flow Rule | 2 |

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Environmental Protection Commission regarding any matter considered at the forthcoming public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Date: February 2, 2000 (During BOCC Meeting)

Agenda Item: Environmental Impact Statement For the Proposed Desalination Facility

Contact Person: Tony D'Aquila

Description/Summary:

In response to a request by the EPC Board at its January 20, 2000 meeting, EPC staff was asked to present a briefing on issues associated with the proposed desalination facility to be located at Big Bend. The briefing is to take place during a special meeting of the EPC on February 2, 2000 during the regularly scheduled BOCC meeting. Topics for discussion include:

- 1) The NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process,
- 2) Opportunities for enrolling the desalination facility in the EIS process,
- 3) Cumulative impacts on Tampa Bay associated with Tampa Bay Water (TBW) projects and the desalination facility, including existing and proposed studies, and
- 4) Courses of action to be taken with regard to evaluating the desalination facility.

Regulatory agencies involved in review of the desalination plant application, the Hillsborough County Water Resource Team, and the USEPA will be asked to have representation at the meeting to facilitate response to EPC Board questions.

Commission Action Recommended:

No action required.

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Date: February 2, 2000 (During BOCC Meeting)

Agenda Item: Lower Hillsborough River Minimum Flows, Chapter 40D-8.041 Minimum Flows, and Chapter 40D-80.073 Regulatory Portion of Recovery Strategy

Contact Person: Darrell Howton

Description/Summary:

On Tuesday, January 25, 2000, the SWFWMD Governing Board adopted the February, March and April 1999 version of the above rules following a presentation of the Independent Scientific Peer Review report. The deadline to file a challenge is close of business Friday, February 4, 2000.

EPC staff has reviewed the subject rules in light of the findings and our own analysis. Although we continue to have concerns regarding specific issues, EPC staff believes that a 120 challenge at this time is not necessary to protect the public interest.

Commission Action Recommended:

Recommend Board concurrence that EPC not file an administrative challenge to the Lower Hillsborough River Minimum Flow rule.

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Board Meeting Date: 2/2/00

Sign-In Sheet for Citizens Who Wish to Speak before the Board

(Citizens who desire to speak regarding an item listed on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings, are encouraged to speak during the Audience Comments Section.)

3 MINUTE LIMIT EACH SPEAKER

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PAUL F. STEIN	7406 PARK DRIVE TAMPA	SPECIAL EPC MEETING	2:40

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B. John Oviak	113 W. Stonley Str.	B-27 Appeal to SWFWMD dec.	2:20 pm

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February 2, 2000

TO: Commissioner Jan Platt
FROM: Mary Helen Campbell, Senior Assistant County Attorney
RE: Item B-27

I spoke to Tony D'Aquila regarding Item B-27, the receipt of a report on the Environmental Impact Study relative to the proposed Desalination Plant. Mr. D'Aquila explained that due to the length of the board meeting today and the fact that there is no time constraint on the presentation that would be made today, staff is proposing that the Board of County Commissioners postpone the issue to a later date. Mr. D'Aquila assured me that such a postponement would in no way affect the substance of the EIS or any vote taken regarding the EIS.

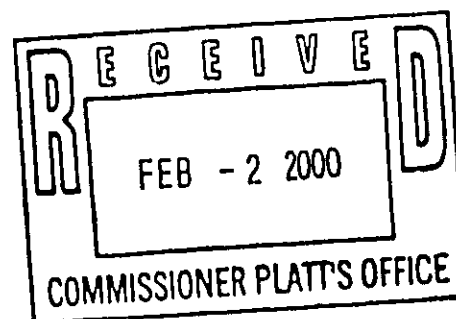
You can vote on the continuance. You may want to explain that although you do have a conflict regarding the desalination plant and should abstain from any substantive vote on the issue OR any procedural vote that would substantively affect the issue, you are voting today because this vote is merely one to postpone the issue for future consideration and does not affect the substance of the issue.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Emeline C. Acton, County Attorney

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