



Agenda Item #1

TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
St. Petersburg, FL 33702

9:30 a.m.
December 21, 2009

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Nina Bandoni, City of Safety Harbor
Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County (Meeting Chair)
Mr. Robert Kersteen, Gubernatorial Appointee/Pinellas County
Mr. Andy Nunez, Gubernatorial Appointee/Pinellas County
Councilman Karl Nurse, City of St. Petersburg
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

Ms. Jill Collins, Gubernatorial Appointee/Hillsborough County
Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County
Councilman Bob Consalvo, City of New Port Richey
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Gubernatorial Appointee/Hillsborough County
Councilwoman Mary Mulhern, City of Tampa
Ms. Kim Vance, Gubernatorial Appointee/Hillsborough County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Manny Pumariega, Executive Director, TBRPC
Don Conn, Esq., General Counsel, TBRPC
Mr. Avera Wynne, Director of Planning, TBRPC
Ms. Suzanne Cooper, Principal Planner, TBRPC
Mr. John M. Meyer, Principal Planner, DRI Coordinator, TBRPC
Mr. Patrick O'Neil, Senior Planner, TBRPC
Ms. Dee Allen, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
Ms. Lisa Barrett, Manatee County Planning Department
Mr. Rob Brown, Manatee County Natural Resources
Ms. Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Mr. Bryant Grant, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
Mr. Jay Matteson, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
Patricia Petruuff, Esq., Dye, Deitrich et al
Ms. Alissa Powers, Manatee County Natural Resources
Ms. Sue Young, Recording Secretary, TBRPC

Commissioner Larry Bustle called the meeting of the Clearinghouse Review Committee of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to order on December 21, 2009 at 9:35 a.m.

Agenda Item #1 - Minutes

Mr. Kersteen made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 18, 2009 CRC meeting. Vice Mayor Bandoni seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #2 - Consent Agenda

Mr. Kersteen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Nunez seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #3 - Items Removed from Consent Agenda - Discussion

None.

Agenda Item #4 - Developments of Regional Impact - Preapplication Conferences(s)

Ms. Dee Allen from Mosaic presented an overview of the mining process. She noted that Mosaic is the largest producer of phosphate products in the world and there are three fertilizer plants located here in central Florida. Before Mosaic can do any mining for phosphate, they must get both federal and state permits, as well as local approvals. The entire mining process is water-based.

A. DRI #272 - Mosaic/Texaco Tract, Pre-application Conference, Manatee County.

Mr. John Meyer noted that in this preapplication the applicant is seeking initial approval for a parcel comprised of 4,347+ acres which will be mined over the next 35 years. It is not unusual for a new mining proposal to not define, at this point, how much of the parcel will actually be mined. That will be determined during the course of the DRI review. The parcel abuts the Hardee County line.

The applicant has agreed to provide full ADA responses to the general project description, vegetation and wildlife, wetlands, water quality, soils, floodplains, stormwater management and historical and archeological resources, as well as mining operations. Partial ADA responses, typical for mining proposals, will be provided in the areas of wastewater management, air quality and energy. Council staff is in agreement with the applicant as to what is not necessary. Full responses are requested for regional issues. Most of the issues will be covered in some fashion under the responses to the Mining Question (#35 of the ADA). Transportation is addressed as far as product shipment, type of cargo, as well as water, etc. Solid, hazardous, and medical waste, hurricane preparedness, affordable

housing, police and fire, recreation/open space, education, healthcare and other industries, and specific issues such as airports, marinas and hospitals are not applicable to mining projects.

Mr. Meyer noted that in committee members' folders were comments from Manatee County, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Transportation. By this recognition, these comments are being incorporated into the Report.

Mr. Jay Matteson, permitting engineer from Mosaic, discussed the project further. He described the mining surveys and habitat management plans. An archeological assessment and wildlife surveys will also be performed.

Ms. Cooper asked if the methodology has been approved for the survey that is being done for fish and wildlife? Mr. Matteson noted that they had received a comment on that.

Commissioner Bustle asked if, at the end of the mining operations, there is a shortage of sand. And if that is true, how do you work around that? Ms. Allen said they have not had a shortage so far. They work with the State and the county to find a plan that is acceptable. As they develop their reclamation plan that would be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Bustle noted that the mining operation is scheduled to end in 2046, but the reclamation goes on for some period of time after that. What would protect the public's interest regarding the reclamation being completed? Ms. Allen said that in Manatee County they have reclamation bonds; double bonding is being required for wetland areas.

Councilman Roff asked about hurricane preparedness. Mr. Matteson stated that they will be submitting that plan.

Mr. Kersteen made a motion to approve the Mosaic/Texaco Tract Preapplication Conference Report. Councilman Roff seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

B. DRI #273 - Wingate Creek Mine Substantial Deviation, Preapplication Conference, Manatee County.

Mr. Meyer noted that in this application, among other objectives, the applicant proposes to mine an additional 717 acres within the current Mine boundaries. They also propose to extend mining activity on the mine site by an additional 30+ years. Parcels 1 through 5 were previously approved for disturbance only. Parcel 6 was previously approved to remain untouched and serve as a buffer for the parcel to the east.

The review issues are identical to the previous presentation (Mosaic/Texaco Tract) and they will provide full responses to all issues recognized within the Council's Report. No responses will be required for ADA questions pertaining to water supply, solid waste, transportation, hurricane preparedness and affordable housing, police and fire, recreation,

education, and healthcare, or any industry-specific issues other than mining.

There are comments from Manatee County, the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation. By recognition, they are being incorporated into the Report. Review agencies will have approximately 50 days following this meeting to provide any additional comments on the proposed methodologies.

Mr. Bryant Grant, an engineer with Mosaic, discussed the project further. He noted that Wingate, like the Texaco Tract, is located in the east-central portion of Manatee County north of SR 64. The original DRI was approved in 1975; and mining actually started in 1981. At this time they are coming forward with the Texaco Tract DRI and, along with that, they will probably do some clean-up on the Wingate property. The proposal is to process the Texaco Tract, referred to as DRI #272, along with the additional areas that they will be looking at. They are actually looking at mining the Wingate plant site. Mining will be extended at Wingate through December 2046 and reclamation will continue on through July 2051. In addition, they are proposing to mine another 717 acres.

Councilman Roff asked how they get the materials from Texaco to the FM1 and FM2 areas. Mr. Grant said they are linked by pipelines.

Councilman Roff made a motion to approve the Wingate Creek Mine S/D Preapplication Conference Report. Mr. Kersteen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Other Business - Chairman

Commissioner Bustle noted that the staff reports have been very good, as have been the applicant reports. The information was covered very well.

Agenda Item #6 - Announcement of Next Meeting Date

The next CRC meeting will be announced as needed.

Agenda Item #7 - Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Young, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Larry Bustle, Meeting Chair