



FORM #0229
Rev. 07/09

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
WATER USE PERMIT NO. 26-00096-W
NON-ASSIGNABLE**

Date Issued: August 9, 2010

Expiration Date: August 22, 2015

Authorizing: THE USE OF GROUND WATER FROM THE SANDSTONE AQUIFER FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY USE WITH AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF 204 MILLION GALLONS.

Located In: Hendry County, S1, 10-15/T43S/R29E, S1-3,6-8,10-12,13-15,17,18/T43S/R30E
Glades County, S6, 7, 18/T43S/R31E
S35, 36/T42S/R29E
S31/T42S/R30E

Issued To: HENDRY COUNTY
(PORT LABELLE UTILITY SYSTEM)
P.O. BOX 2340
LABELLE, FL 33975

This is to notify you of the District's agency action concerning Permit Application No. 071115-18, dated November 15, 2007. This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 373, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Rule 40E-1.603 and Chapter 40E-2, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Based on the information provided, District rules have been adhered to and a Water Use Permit is in effect for this project subject to:

1. Not receiving a filed request for an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 120.5 and Section 120.569, or request a judicial review pursuant Section 120.68, Florida Statutes.
2. The attached 25 Limiting Conditions.
3. The attached 10 exhibits.

Permittee agrees to hold and save the South Florida Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims or liabilities which may arise by reason of the construction, maintenance or use of activities authorized by this permit. Said application, including all plan and specifications attached thereto, is by reference made a part hereof. Upon written notice to permittee, this permit may be temporarily modified, or restricted under a Declaration of Water Shortage or a Declaration of Emergency due to Water Shortage in accordance with provisions of Chapter 373, Fla. Statutes, and applicable rules and regulations of the South Florida Water Management District. This Permit may be permanently or temporarily revoked, in whole or in part, for the violation of the conditions of the permit or for the violation of any provision of the Water Resources Act and regulations thereunder. This Permit does not convey to the permittee any property rights nor any privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the permittee from complying with any law, regulation, or requirement affecting the rights of other bodies or agencies.

Should you object to these conditions, please refer to the attached "Notice of Rights" which addresses the procedures to be followed if you desire a public hearing or other review of the proposed agency action. Should you wish to object to the proposed agency action or file a petition or request, please provide written objections, petitions, requests and/or waivers to:

Elizabeth Veguilla, Deputy Clerk, MSC2440
South Florida Water Management District
Post Office Box 24680
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Please contact this office if you have any questions concerning this matter. If we do not hear from you in accordance with the "Notice of Rights", we will assume that you concur with the District's action.

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Staff Report, Conditions and Notice of Rights have been mailed to the Permittee (and the persons listed on the attached staff report distribution list) no later than 5:00 p.m. on this 10th day of August, 2010, in accordance with Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, and a copy has been filed and acknowledged with the Deputy District Clerk.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
By ELIZABETH VEGUILLA
DEPUTY CLERK
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Attachments

CERTIFIED MAIL# 70050390000598196950

LIMITING CONDITIONS

1. This permit shall expire on August 22, 2015.
2. Application for a permit modification may be made at any time.
3. Water use classification:

Public water supply

4. Source classification is:

Ground Water from:
Sandstone Aquifer

5. Annual allocation shall not exceed 204 MG.

Maximum monthly allocation shall not exceed 20.42 MG.

6. Pursuant to Rule 40E-1.6105, F.A.C., Notification of Transfer of Interest in Real Property, within 30 days of any transfer of interest or control of the real property at which any permitted facility, system, consumptive use, or activity is located, the permittee must notify the District, in writing, of the transfer giving the name and address of the new owner or person in control and providing a copy of the instrument effectuating the transfer, as set forth in Rule 40E-1.6107, F.A.C.

Pursuant to Rule 40E-1.6107 (4), until transfer is approved by the District, the permittee shall be liable for compliance with the permit. The permittee transferring the permit shall remain liable for all actions that are required as well as all violations of the permit which occurred prior to the transfer of the permit.

Failure to comply with this or any other condition of this permit constitutes a violation and pursuant to Rule 40E-1.609, Suspension, Revocation and Modification of Permits, the District may suspend or revoke the permit.

This Permit is issued to:

Hendry County
P.O. Box 2340
LaBelle, FL 33975

7. Withdrawal Facilities:

Ground Water - Existing:

- 1 - 14" X 283' X 500 GPM Well Cased To 220 Feet
- 1 - 14" X 290' X 350 GPM Well Cased To 220 Feet

8. Permittee shall mitigate interference with existing legal uses that was caused in whole or in part by the permittee's withdrawals, consistent with the approved mitigation plan. As necessary to offset the interference, mitigation will include pumpage reduction, replacement of the impacted individual's equipment, relocation of wells, change in withdrawal source, or other means.

Interference to an existing legal use is defined as an impact that occurs under hydrologic conditions equal to or less severe than a 1 in 10 year drought event that results in the:

- (1) Inability to withdraw water consistent with provisions of the permit, such as when remedial structural or operational actions not materially authorized by existing permits must be taken to address the interference; or
 - (2) Change in the quality of water pursuant to primary State Drinking Water Standards to the extent that the water can no longer be used for its authorized purpose, or such change is imminent.
9. Permittee shall mitigate harm to existing off-site land uses caused by the permittee's withdrawals, as determined through reference to the conditions for permit issuance. When harm occurs, or is imminent, the District will require the permittee to modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm. Harm caused by withdrawals, as determined through reference to the conditions for permit issuance, includes:
- (1) Significant reduction in water levels on the property to the extent that the designed function of the water body and related surface water management improvements are damaged, not including aesthetic values. The designed function of a water body is identified in the original permit or other governmental authorization issued for the construction of the water body. In cases where a permit was not required, the designed function shall be determined based on the purpose for the original construction of the water body (e.g. fill for construction, mining, drainage canal, etc.)
 - (2) Damage to agriculture, including damage resulting from reduction in soil moisture resulting from consumptive use; or
 - (3) Land collapse or subsidence caused by reduction in water levels associated with consumptive use.
10. Permittee shall mitigate harm to the natural resources caused by the permittee's withdrawals, as determined through reference to the conditions for permit issuance. When harm occurs, or is imminent, the District will require the permittee to modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm. Harm, as determined through reference to the conditions for permit issuance includes:
- (1) Reduction in ground or surface water levels that results in harmful lateral movement of the fresh water/salt water interface,
 - (2) Reduction in water levels that harm the hydroperiod of wetlands,
 - (3) Significant reduction in water levels or hydroperiod in a naturally occurring water body such as a lake or pond,
 - (4) Harmful movement of contaminants in violation of state water quality standards, or
 - (5) Harm to the natural system including damage to habitat for rare or endangered species.
11. If any condition of the permit is violated, the permit shall be subject to review and possible modification, enforcement action, or revocation.
12. Authorized representatives of the District shall be permitted to enter, inspect, and observe the permitted system to determine compliance with special conditions.
13. The Permittee is advised that this permit does not relieve any person from the requirement to obtain all necessary federal, state, local and special district authorizations.
14. The permit does not convey any property right to the Permittee, nor any rights and privileges other than those specified in the Permit and Chapter 40E-2, Florida Administrative Code.
15. Permittee shall submit all data as required by the implementation schedule for each of the limiting conditions to: SFWMD, Environmental Resource Compliance, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680.
16. In the event of a declared water shortage, water withdrawal reductions will be ordered by the District in accordance with the Water Shortage Plan, Chapter 40E-21, F.A.C. The Permittee is advised that during a water shortage, pumpage

reports shall be submitted as required by Chapter 40E-21, F.A.C.

17. Prior to the use of any proposed water withdrawal facility authorized under this permit, unless otherwise specified, the Permittee shall equip each facility with a District-approved operating water use accounting system and submit a report of calibration to the District, pursuant to Section 4.1, Basis of Review for Water Use Permit Applications.

In addition, the Permittee shall submit a report of recalibration for the water use accounting system for each water withdrawal facility (existing and proposed) authorized under this permit every five years from each previous calibration, continuing at five-year increments.
18. Monthly withdrawals for each withdrawal facility shall be submitted to the District quarterly. The water accounting method and means of calibration shall be stated on each report.
19. The Permittee shall notify the District within 30 days of any change in service area boundary. If the Permittee will not serve a new demand within the service area for which the annual allocation was calculated, the annual allocation may then be subject to modification and reduction.
20. Permittee shall determine unaccounted-for distribution system losses. Losses shall be determined for the entire distribution system on a monthly basis. Permittee shall define the manner in which unaccounted-for losses are calculated. Data collection shall begin within six months of Permit issuance. Loss reporting shall be submitted to the District on a yearly basis from the date of Permit issuance.
21. Permittee shall maintain an accurate flow meter at the intake of the water treatment plant for the purpose of measuring daily inflow of water.
22. The Water Conservation Plan required by Section 2.6.1 of the Basis of Review for Water Use Permit Applications within the South Florida Water Management District, must be implemented in accordance with the approved implementation schedule.
23. If at any time there is an indication that the well casing, valves, or controls leak or have become inoperative, repairs or replacement shall be made to restore the system to an operating condition. Failure to make such repairs shall be cause for filling and abandoning the well, in accordance with procedures outlined in Chapters 40E-3 and 40E-30, Florida Administrative Code.
24. The Permittee shall continue to submit monitoring data in accordance with the approved saline water intrusion monitoring program for this project.
The Permittee shall make monthly measurements of the chloride ion concentrations in each production well and submit the results to the District quarterly.
25. Public water utilities that control, either directly or indirectly, a wastewater treatment plant, and which had determined, at the time of issuance of its consumptive use permit and pursuant to Section 403.064, F.S., that reuse of reclaimed water was not feasible must advise the District of any change in this determination that may occur during the term of the consumptive use permit. In the event the utility determines reuse has become feasible, then the District will require the utility to provide the information listed in Sections 3.2.3.1. and 5.2.5.2.A.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult an attorney regarding your legal rights.

RIGHT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

Filing Instructions

The Petition must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. **Filings by e-mail will not be accepted.** Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. **Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office.** An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

Initiation of an Administrative Hearing

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

Mediation

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-.405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action.