

DERM-QUARTERLY MEETING – FINAL AGENDA – MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2024

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



January 22, 2024, Monday
9 am – 11 am

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Plan Review Issues

10:00 – 11:00 am – Legal and Environmental Policy Issues

----- DISCUSSION ISSUES -----

VII. Introductions and Welcome – 9:00 am – 10:15 am: Plan Review Issues.

VIII. Updates on Ordinances:

a. **Impervious Surfaces Ordinance –**

i. **Update by BASF Members on their comments.**

1. **Confirm meeting date with staff to review our Final Comments!**

ii. **Timing on ordinance going forward – update by DERM staff.**

b. **New Flood Criteria Ordinance Adopted –**

i. Status on implementation – Update by DERM staff.

c. **New FEMA designation maps approved –Update from DERM staff.**

d. **Soil Re-Use Guidance – Status of guidance document – Update by DERM staff.**

i. Engineer control/CAP verification sampling

IX. Wellfield Modeling Update –timing on report – update by DERM staff

X. Update on Past-Pending Issues – consider including IT staff for following discussion items.

XI. Plan Review Issues:

a. **Automation/simplification of DERM Holds/Releases on Water Control, Tree and Sewer holds –**



- b. Updates from DERM staff re the following issues:
 - i. DERM holds placed on building permits, but Building Dept. not told that permits were obtained, and hold can be released.
 - 1. Accept on-line payments for Zoning letters – Automatically notify staff about paid invoices
 - ii. Update on IT making software changes as soon as possible –completion date?
 - c. **Gold Key progress –**
 - d. **DERM Update: Timeframe/deadline tracking method used for permit issuance –**
 - i. Based on BCC Resolution
 - e. **Consolidated Fee Payments –** Status from DERM staff on IT modification to streamline fee payments, to pay fees only once? Consider certification fee up front, so certification review can begin upon payment and automatically notify DERM staff and engineer of record of paid invoice.
 - f. **Recommendation: Consider a shorter “re-review” que, for plans already seen once or more.**
 - ii. If not, when? Encourage staff to communicate: “Pick up the phone and call” design professional.
 - 1. This beats 6-8 time-wasting email exchanges to resolve simpler issues.
 - g. **DERM “Expedite/A Team”** concept been established yet?
 - h. **New Sewer Extension fee concept for November 2023 / January 2024 DERM quarterly meeting for a “check-up and a check-in”**
 - i. **Evaluate if a** higher per-sheet “fee incentivization concept” has made difference in number of times plans have been recycled through system.
- XII. Stormwater Maintenance –** Update by DERM staff re County outfalls and municipal outfall Maintenance efforts – impacts on Biscayne Bay water quality.
- XIII. Any new Legislation or New Fee Increases pending?**
- a. If yes, pls provide details.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Legal/Environmental Policy issues –

- VIII. Manatee Protection Plan –** BASF members’ concerns – update by DERM staff –
 - a. **Date for a Plan Update available yet?**
 - i. **What’s “in” and what’s not?**
 - b. Discussion re FWS and DERM comments.

IX. County Wetland Mitigation Bank –

- a. Update on permitting consultant
- b. Schedule Members–DERM Consultant introductory meeting.
- c. Using EEL lands for wetland mitigation credits.

X. Site rehabilitation guidance (DERM RBCA guidance documents) and procedures –

- a. Site closure taking over four months for comments – how can we help improve process?
- b. Better integration of county attorney comments within DERM–Applicant process.

XI. Update from DERM staff on other pending revisions to Chapter 24 –

- a. **Any other ordinances being prepared at this time?**
- b. **Concern about trend toward insipient agency policy –**
 - i. Instead, adopt Chapter 24, to reduce public confusion/continual plan reviews/re-reviews.
- c. **BASF Members always available to work with DERM in smaller working groups on key issues to help develop permit approval/review solutions.**

XII. Increased interdependency of code reviews/approvals – with seemingly unrelated issues

- a. Creates more uncertainty for applicants for issues that are seemingly not linked.
 - i. Longer delays of little value to public for both county and applicant.
- b. Issue N/A's, at the appropriate times.
- c. Other recommendations to reduce/eliminate unrelated “connectivity.”

XIII. Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2023 – 9:00 am and 10:30 am respectively.

XIV. Other issues of interest to DERM or BASF Members

XV. Adjournment.



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