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September 09, 2011

Town of Lake Placid
311 West Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Highlands County Board of County Commissioners
505 South Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870

Subject: **Notice of Final Agency Action for Approval**
ERP General Construction
Project Name: Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit
App ID/Permit No: 652070 / 44040523.000
County: HIGHLANDS
Sec/Twp/Rge: S31/T36S/R30E

Dear Permittee(s):

This letter constitutes notice of Final Agency Action for **approval** of the permit referenced above. Final approval is contingent upon no objection to the District's action being received by the District within the time frames described below.

You or any person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's action regarding a permit may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), of the Uniform Rules of Procedure. *A request for hearing must: (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's action, or proposed action, (2) state all material facts disputed by the person requesting the hearing or state that there are no disputed facts, and (3) otherwise comply with Chapter 28-106, F.A.C.* Copies of Sections 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C. are enclosed for your reference. A request for hearing must be filed with (received by) the Agency Clerk of the District at the District's Brooksville address within 21 days of receipt of this notice. Receipt is deemed to be the fifth day after the date on which this notice is deposited in the United States mail. Failure to file a request for hearing within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right you or such person may have to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., to settle an administrative dispute regarding the District's action in this matter is not available prior to the filing of a request for hearing.

Enclosed is a "Noticing Packet" that provides information regarding the District Rule 40D-1.1010, F.A.C., which addresses the notification of persons whose substantial interests may be affected by the District's action in this matter. The packet contains guidelines on how to provide notice of the District's action, and a notice that you may use.

Approved construction plans are part of the permit, and construction must be in accordance with these plans. *These drawings are available for viewing or downloading at www.watermatters.org.*

If you have questions, please contact Bob Dasta, at the Bartow Service Office, extension 6105. For assistance with environmental concerns, please contact Cory Catts, extension 6104.

Sincerely,

Brian Starford, P.G., Director

Bartow Regulation Department

Enclosures: Approved Permit w/Conditions Attached
 [Statement of Completion](#)
 Notice of Authorization to Commence Construction
 Noticing Packet (42.00-039)
 Section 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C

cc: AMEC-BCI Engineers & Scientists
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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
PERMIT NO. 44040523.000**

EXPIRATION DATE: September 09, 2016

PERMIT ISSUE DATE: September 09, 2011

This permit is issued under the provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, (F.S.), and the Rules contained in Chapters 40D-4 and 40D-40, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.). The permit authorizes the Permittee to proceed with the construction of a surface water management system in accordance with the information outlined herein and shown by the application, approved drawings, plans, specifications, and other documents, attached hereto and kept on file at the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District). Unless otherwise stated by permit specific condition, permit issuance constitutes certification of compliance with state water quality standards under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341. All construction, operation and maintenance of the surface water management system authorized by this permit shall occur in compliance with Florida Statutes and Administrative Code and the conditions of this permit.

PROJECT NAME: Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit

GRANTED TO: Town of Lake Placid
311 West Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852

OTHER PERMITTEES: Highlands County Board of County Commissioners
505 South Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870

ABSTRACT: This permit authorization is for the construction of a 0.37-acre stormwater runoff improvement project for a portion of an urbanized drainage basin which previously entered Lake Clay without water quality treatment. The improvements consist of an exfiltration trench with swale system located west of Summit Street between Eastside Drive and Plaza Avenue and an exfiltration system with a nutrient separating baffle box (or equivalent) system off Lake Clay Drive South just prior to discharge to Lake Clay. These best management practices are expected to reduce the pollutant loading to Lake Clay by providing filtration within the exfiltration systems and nutrient separating baffle box, infiltration through the swale bottom, and attenuation of the stormwater runoff. The project is located in Highlands County.

Compliance with Chapter 40D-4, F.A.C., water quantity requirements is assured as the stormwater management system will discharge less than the pre-development peak rate for the 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event, from the corresponding contributing drainage basin area. The engineer-of-record provided a flood routing model demonstrating that the proposed works will not cause an off-site rise in flood stages for the 25-year, 24-hour storm event. The project does not propose any fill within the 100-year floodplain of Lake Clay. No adverse off-site/on-site water quantity impacts are expected.

Compliance with Chapter 40D-4, F.A.C., water quality requirements is met, as the proposed exfiltration systems will treat 0.07 acre-feet of stormwater runoff. The construction activities will not introduce any new impervious areas or sources of pollution. The existing water quality of the stormwater runoff (pollutant loading) to Lake Clay is expected to improve. The permittee will undertake temporary Best Management Practices during construction through the use of silt fences and floating turbidity barriers around the perimeter of the construction area. No adverse on-site/off-site water quality impacts are expected.

There are no wetlands or surface waters within the project area.

OP. & MAIN. ENTITY: Town of Lake Placid

OTHER OP. & MAIN. ENTITY: Highlands County Board of County Commissioners

COUNTY:	HIGHLANDS
SEC/TWP/RGE:	S31/T36S/R30E
TOTAL ACRES OWNED OR UNDER CONTROL:	10.37
PROJECT SIZE:	0.37 Acres
LAND USE:	Government
DATE APPLICATION FILED:	July 15, 2011
AMENDED DATE:	N/A

I. Water Quantity/Quality

POND No.	Area Acres @ Top of Bank	Treatment Type
Tower Pond	0.14	NO TREATMENT SPECIFIED
French Drain at Tower Pond	0.02	EXFILTRATION
French Drain at S. Lake Clay Drive	0.02	EXFILTRATION
French Drain in Outfall Alignment	0.01	EXFILTRATION
	Total: 0.19	

A mixing zone is not required.

A variance is not required.

II. 100-Year Floodplain

Encroachment (Acre-Feet of fill)	Compensation (Acre-Feet of excavation)	Compensation Type	Encroachment Result* (feet)
0.00	0.00	No Encroachment	N/A

*Depth of change in flood stage (level) over existing receiving water stage resulting from floodplain encroachment caused by a project that claims Minimal Impact type of compensation.

III. Environmental Considerations

No wetlands or other surface waters exist within the project area.

Specific Conditions

1. If the ownership of the project area covered by the subject permit is divided, with someone other than the Permittee becoming the owner of part of the project area, this permit shall terminate, pursuant to Rule 40D-1.6105, F.A.C. In such situations, each land owner shall obtain a permit (which may be a modification of this permit) for the land owned by that person. This condition shall not apply to the division and sale of lots or units in residential subdivisions or condominiums.
2. Unless specified otherwise herein, two copies of all information and reports required by this permit shall be submitted to the Regulation Department at the District Service Office that services this permit. The permit number, title of report or information and event (for recurring report or information submittal) shall be identified on all information and reports submitted.
3. The Permittee shall retain the design engineer, or other professional engineer registered in Florida, to conduct on-site observations of construction and assist with the as-built certification requirements of this project. The Permittee shall inform the District in writing of the name, address and phone number of the professional engineer so employed. This information shall be submitted prior to construction.
4. Within 30 days after completion of construction of the permitted activity, the Permittee shall submit to the Regulation Department at the District Service Office that services this permit a written statement of completion and certification by a registered professional engineer or other appropriate individual as authorized by law, utilizing the required Statement of Completion and Request for Transfer to Operation Entity form identified in Chapter 40D-1, F.A.C., and signed, dated, and sealed as-built drawings. The as-built drawings shall identify any deviations from the approved construction drawings.
5. The District reserves the right, upon prior notice to the Permittee, to conduct on-site research to assess the pollutant removal efficiency of the surface water management system. The Permittee may be required to cooperate in this regard by allowing on-site access by District representatives, by allowing the installation and operation of testing and monitoring equipment, and by allowing other assistance measures as needed on site.
6. The operation and maintenance entity shall submit inspection reports in the form required by the District, in accordance with the following schedule. For systems utilizing effluent filtration or exfiltration **or** systems utilizing effluent filtration or exfiltration **and** retention or wet detention, the inspections shall be performed 18 months after operation is authorized and every 18 months thereafter.
7. The Permittee shall notify the District of any sinkhole development in the surface water management system within 48 hours of discovery and must submit a detailed sinkhole evaluation and repair plan for approval by the District within 30 days of discovery.
8. This permit is issued based upon the design prepared by the Permittee's consultant. If at any time it is determined by the District that the Conditions for Issuance of Permits in Rules 40D-4.301 and 40D-4.302, F.A.C., have not been met, upon written notice by the District, the Permittee shall obtain a permit modification and perform construction necessary thereunder to correct any deficiencies in the system design or construction to meet District rule criteria. The Permittee is advised that the correction of deficiencies may require re-construction of the surface water management system.
9. The Permitted Plan Set for this project is the set received by the District on August 10, 2011 .

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The general conditions attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are hereby incorporated into this permit by reference and the Permittee shall comply with them.

Brian Starford, P.G.

Authorized Signature

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. All activities shall be implemented as set forth in the plans, specifications and performance criteria as approved by this permit. Any deviation from the permitted activity and the conditions for undertaking that activity shall constitute a violation of this permit.
2. This permit or a copy thereof, complete with all conditions, attachments, exhibits, and modifications, shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity. The complete permit shall be available for review at the work site upon request by District staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to commencement of the activity authorized by this permit.
3. For general permits authorizing incidental site activities, the following limiting general conditions shall also apply:
 - a. If the decision to issue the associated individual permit is not final within 90 days of issuance of the incidental site activities permit, the site must be restored by the permittee within 90 days after notification by the District. Restoration must be completed by re-contouring the disturbed site to previous grades and slopes re-establishing and maintaining suitable vegetation and erosion control to provide stabilized hydraulic conditions. The period for completing restoration may be extended if requested by the permittee and determined by the District to be warranted due to adverse weather conditions or other good cause. In addition, the permittee shall institute stabilization measures for erosion and sediment control as soon as practicable, but in no case more than 7 days after notification by the District.
 - b. The incidental site activities are commenced at the permittee's own risk. The Governing Board will not consider the monetary costs associated with the incidental site activities or any potential restoration costs in making its decision to approve or deny the individual environmental resource permit application. Issuance of this permit shall not in any way be construed as commitment to issue the associated individual environmental resource permit.
4. Activities approved by this permit shall be conducted in a manner which does not cause violations of state water quality standards. The permittee shall implement best management practices for erosion and a pollution control to prevent violation of state water quality standards. Temporary erosion control shall be implemented prior to and during construction, and permanent control measures shall be completed within 7 days of any construction activity. Turbidity barriers shall be installed and maintained at all locations where the possibility of transferring suspended solids into the receiving waterbody exists due to the permitted work. Turbidity barriers shall remain in place at all locations until construction is completed and soils are stabilized and vegetation has been established. Thereafter the permittee shall be responsible for the removal of the barriers. The permittee shall correct any erosion or shoaling that causes adverse impacts to the water resources.
5. Water quality data for the water discharged from the permittee's property or into the surface waters of the state shall be submitted to the District as required by the permit. Analyses shall be performed according to procedures outlined in the current edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater by the American Public Health Association or Methods for Chemical Analyses of Water and Wastes by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If water quality data are required, the permittee shall provide data as required on volumes of water discharged, including total volume discharged during the days of sampling and total monthly volume dis-charged from the property or into surface waters of the state.
6. District staff must be notified in advance of any proposed construction dewatering. If the dewatering activity is likely to result in offsite discharge or sediment transport into wetlands or surface waters, a written dewatering plan must either have been submitted and approved with the permit application or submitted to the District as a permit prior to the dewatering event as a permit modification. A water use permit may be required prior to any use exceeding the thresholds in Chapter 40D-2, F.A.C.

7. Stabilization measures shall be initiated for erosion and sediment control on disturbed areas as soon as practicable in portions of the site where construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased, but in no case more than 7 days after the construction activity in that portion of the site has temporarily or permanently ceased.
8. Off-site discharges during construction and development shall be made only through the facilities authorized by this permit. Water discharged from the project shall be through structures having a mechanism suitable for regulating upstream stages. Stages may be subject to operating schedules satisfactory to the District.
9. The permittee shall complete construction of all aspects of the surface water management system, including wetland compensation (grading, mulching, planting), water quality treatment features, and discharge control facilities prior to beneficial occupancy or use of the development being served by this system.
10. The following shall be properly abandoned and/or removed in accordance with the applicable regulations:
 - a. Any existing wells in the path of construction shall be properly plugged and abandoned by a licensed well contractor.
 - b. Any existing septic tanks on site shall be abandoned at the beginning of construction.
 - c. Any existing fuel storage tanks and fuel pumps shall be removed at the beginning of construction.
11. All surface water management systems shall be operated to conserve water in order to maintain environmental quality and resource protection; to increase the efficiency of transport, application and use; to decrease waste; to minimize unnatural runoff from the property and to minimize dewatering of offsite property.
12. At least 48 hours prior to commencement of activity authorized by this permit, the permittee shall submit to the District a written notification of commencement indicating the actual start date and the expected completion date.
13. Each phase or independent portion of the permitted system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to the occupation of the site or operation of site infrastructure located within the area served by that portion or phase of the system. Each phase or independent portion of the system must be completed in accordance with the permitted plans and permit conditions prior to transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of that phase or portion of the system to a local government or other responsible entity.
14. Within 30 days after completion of construction of the permitted activity, the permittee shall submit a written statement of completion and certification by a registered professional engineer or other appropriate individual as authorized by law, utilizing the required Statement of Completion and Request for Transfer to Operation Entity form identified in Chapter 40D-1, F.A.C. Additionally, if deviation from the approved drawings are discovered during the certification process the certification must be accompanied by a copy of the approved permit drawings with deviations noted.
15. This permit is valid only for the specific processes, operations and designs indicated on the approved drawings or exhibits submitted in support of the permit application. Any substantial deviation from the approved drawings, exhibits, specifications or permit conditions, including construction within the total land area but outside the approved project area(s), may constitute grounds for revocation or enforcement action by the District, unless a modification has been applied for and approved. Examples of substantial deviations include excavation of ponds, ditches or sump areas deeper than shown on the approved plans.
16. The operation phase of this permit shall not become effective until the permittee has complied with the requirements of the conditions herein, the District determines the system to be in compliance with the permitted plans, and the entity approved by the District accepts responsibility for operation and maintenance of the system. The permit may not be transferred to the operation and maintenance entity approved by the

District until the operation phase of the permit becomes effective. Following inspection and approval of the permitted system by the District, the permittee shall request transfer of the permit to the responsible operation and maintenance entity approved by the District, if different from the permittee. Until a transfer is approved by the District, the permittee shall be liable for compliance with the terms of the permit.

17. Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the permitted system, the District shall be notified of the changes prior to implementation so that a determination can be made whether a permit modification is required.
18. This permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local and special District authorizations including a determination of the proposed activities' compliance with the applicable comprehensive plan prior to the start of any activity approved by this permit.
19. This permit does not convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any property right, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities on property which is not owned or controlled by the permittee, or convey any rights or privileges other than those specified in the permit and Chapter 40D-4 or Chapter 40D-40, F.A.C.
20. The permittee shall hold and save the District harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise by reason of the activities authorized by the permit or any use of the permitted system.
21. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under section 373.421(2), F.S., provides otherwise.
22. The permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, conveyance, or other transfer of ownership or control of the permitted system or the real property at which the permitted system is located. All transfers of ownership or transfers of a permit are subject to the requirements of Rule 40D-4.351, F.A.C. The permittee transferring the permit shall remain liable for any corrective actions that may be required as a result of any permit violations prior to such sale, conveyance or other transfer.
23. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, District authorized staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the system to insure conformity with District rules, regulations and conditions of the permits.
24. If historical or archaeological artifacts are discovered at any time on the project site, the permittee shall immediately notify the District and the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources.
25. The permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF
AUTHORIZATION
TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION**

Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit

PROJECT NAME

Government

PROJECT TYPE

HIGHLANDS

COUNTY

S31/T36S/R30E

SEC(S)/TWP(S)/RGE(S)

Town of Lake Placid

PERMITTEE

See permit for additional permittees

APPLICATION ID/PERMIT NO: 652070 / 44040523.000

DATE ISSUED: September 09, 2011



Brian Starford, P.G.

Issuing Authority

**THIS NOTICE SHOULD BE CONSPICUOUSLY
DISPLAYED AT THE SITE OF THE WORK**

**PART II HEARINGS INVOLVING
DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT**

28-106.201 Initiation of Proceedings.

(1) Unless otherwise provided by statute, and except for agency enforcement and disciplinary actions that shall be initiated under Rule 28-106.2015, F.A.C., initiation of proceedings shall be made by written petition to the agency responsible for rendering final agency action. The term "petition" includes any document that requests an evidentiary proceeding and asserts the existence of a disputed issue of material fact. Each petition shall be legible and on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. Unless printed, the impression shall be on one side of the paper only and lines shall be doublespaced.

(2) All petitions filed under these rules shall contain:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

(3) Upon receipt of a petition involving disputed issues of material fact, the agency shall grant or deny the petition, and if granted shall, unless otherwise provided by law, refer the matter to the Division of Administrative Hearings with a request that an administrative law judge be assigned to conduct the hearing. The request shall be accompanied by a copy of the petition and a copy of the notice of agency action.

Specific Authority 120.54(3), (5) FS. Law Implemented 120.54(5), 120.569, 120.57 FS. History-New 4-1-97, Amended 9-17-98, 1-15-07.

**PART III PROCEEDINGS AND HEARINGS
NOT INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF
MATERIAL FACT**

28-106.301 Initiation of Proceedings

(1) Unless otherwise provided by statute and except for agency enforcement and disciplinary actions initiated under subsection 28-106.2015(1), F.A.C., initiation of a proceeding shall be made by written petition to the agency responsible for rendering final agency action. The term "petition" includes any document which requests a proceeding. Each petition shall be legible and on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper or on a form provided by the agency. Unless printed, the impression shall be on one side of the paper only and lines shall be doubled-spaced.

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(c) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(d) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action; and

(h) A statement that no material facts are in dispute.

Specific Authority 120.54(5) FS. Law Implemented 120.54(5), 120.569, 120.57 FS. History-New 4-1-97, Amended 9-17-98, 1-15-07, 12-24-07.



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NOTICING PACKET PUBLICATION INFORMATION

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE OF THIS NOTICE FOR A LIST OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

The District's action regarding the issuance or denial of a permit, a petition or qualification for an exemption only becomes closed to future legal challenges from members of the public ("third parties"), if 1.) "third parties" have been properly notified of the District's action regarding the permit or exemption, and 2.) no "third party" objects to the District's action within a specific period of time following the notification.

Notification of "third parties" is provided through publication of certain information in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the proposed activities are to occur. Publication of notice informs "third parties" of their right to challenge the District's action. If proper notice is provided by publication, "third parties" have a 21-day time limit in which to file a petition opposing the District's action. A shorter 14-day time limit applies to District action regarding Environmental Resource Permits linked with an authorization to use Sovereign Submerged Lands. However, if no notice to "third parties" is published, there is no time limit to a party's right to challenge the District's action. The District has not published a notice to "third parties" that it has taken or intends to take final action on your application. If you want to ensure that the period of time in which a petition opposing the District's action regarding your application is limited to the time frames stated above, you must publish, at your own expense, a notice in a newspaper of general circulation. A copy of the Notice of Agency Action the District uses for publication and guidelines for publishing are included in this packet.

Guidelines for Publishing a Notice of Agency Action

1. Prepare a notice for publication in the newspaper. The District's Notice of Agency Action, included with this packet, contains all of the information that is required for proper noticing. However, you are responsible for ensuring that the form and the content of your notice comply with the applicable statutory provisions.
2. Your notice must be published in accordance with Chapter 50, Florida Statutes. A copy of the statute is enclosed.
3. Select a newspaper that is appropriate considering the location of the activities proposed in your application, and contact the newspaper for further information regarding their procedures for publishing.
4. You only need to publish the notice for one day.
5. Obtain an "affidavit of publication" from the newspaper after your notice is published.
6. Immediately upon receipt send the **ORIGINAL** affidavit to the District at the address below, for the file of record. **Retain a copy of the affidavit for your records.**

Southwest Florida Water Management District
Records and Data Supervisor
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899

Note: If you are advertising a notice of the District's proposed action, and the District's final action is different, publication of an additional notice may be necessary to prevent future legal challenges. If you need additional assistance, please contact us at ext. 4360, at the Brooksville number listed above. **(Your question may be on the FAQ list).**

FAQ ABOUT NOTICING

1. **Q.** Do I have to do this noticing, and what is this notice for?
A. You do not have to do this noticing, unless you are issued a permit classified as an "Individual". You need to publish a notice if you want to ensure that a "third party" cannot challenge the District's action on your permit, exemption, or petition at some future date. If you choose not to publish, there is no time limit to a third party's right to challenge the District's action.
2. **Q.** What do I need to send to the newspaper?
A. The enclosed one page notice form entitled "Notice of Final Agency Action (or Proposed Agency Action) By The Southwest Florida Water Management District." You must fill in the blanks before sending it.
3. **Q.** Do I have to use the notice form, or can I make up my own form?
A. You do not have to use our form. However, your notice must contain all information that is in the form.
4. **Q.** Do I send the newspaper the whole form (one page) or just the top portion that has blanks?
A. Send the full page form which includes the NOTICE OF RIGHTS section on the bottom half.
5. **Q.** The section 50.051, F.S. (enclosed) proof of publication form of uniform affidavit has blanks in the text. Do I fill in these blanks and send that to the newspaper?
A. No. That section shows the affidavit the newspaper will send you. They will fill in the blanks.
6. **Q.** If someone objects, is my permit or exemption no good?
A. If you publish a notice and a "third party" files a request for administrative hearing within the allotted time, the matter is referred to an administrative hearing. While the case is pending, generally, you may not proceed with activities under the challenged agency action. When the hearing is complete, the administrative law judge's (ALJ) recommendation is returned to the District Governing Board, and the Governing Board will take final action on the ALJ's recommendation. There is no time limit for a "third party" to object and file a request for administrative hearing if you do not publish a notice.

CHAPTER 50, FLORIDA STATUTES

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS

50.011	Where and in what language legal notices to be published.
50.021	Publication when no newspaper in county.
50.031	Newspapers in which legal notices and process may be published.
50.041	Proof of publication; uniform affidavits required.
50.051	Proof of publication; form of uniform affidavit.
50.061	Amounts chargeable.
50.0711	Court docket fund; service charges; publications.

50.011 Where and in what language legal notices to be published.-

Whenever by statute an official or legal advertisement or a publication, or notice in a newspaper has been or is directed or permitted in the nature of or in lieu of process, or for constructive service, or in initiating, assuming, reviewing, exercising or enforcing jurisdiction or power, or for any purpose, including all legal notices and advertisements of sheriffs and tax collectors, the contemporaneous and continuous intent and meaning of such legislation all and singular, existing or repealed, is and has been and is hereby declared to be and to have been, and the rule of interpretation is and has been, a publication in a newspaper printed and published periodically once a week or oftener, containing at least 25 percent of its words in the English language, entered or qualified to be admitted and entered as periodicals matter at a post office in the county where published, for sale to the public generally, available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices and customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public.

History.--s. 2, ch. 3022, 1877; RS 1296; GS 1727; s. 1, ch. 5610, 1907; RGS 2942; s. 1, ch. 12104, 1927; CGL 4666, 4901; s. 1, ch. 63-387; s. 6, ch. 67-254; s. 21, ch. 99-2.

Note.--Former s. 49.01.

50.021 Publication when no newspaper in county.

When any law, or order or decree of court, shall direct advertisements to be made in any county and there be no newspaper published in the said county, the advertisement may be made by posting three copies thereof in three different places in said county, one of which shall be at the front door of the courthouse, and by publication in the nearest county in which a newspaper is published.

History.--RS 1297; GS 1728; RGS 2943; CGL 4667; s. 6, ch. 67-254.

Note.--Former s. 49.02.

50.031 Newspapers in which legal notices and process may be published.

No notice or publication required to be published in a newspaper in the nature of or in lieu of process of any kind, nature, character or description provided for under any law of the state, whether heretofore or hereafter enacted, and whether pertaining to constructive service, or the initiating, assuming, reviewing, exercising or enforcing jurisdiction or power, by any court in this state, or any notice of sale of property, real or personal, for taxes, state, county or municipal, or sheriff's, guardian's or administrator's or any sale made pursuant to any judicial order, decree or statute or any other publication or notice pertaining to any affairs of the state, or any county, municipality or other political subdivision thereof, shall be deemed to have been published in accordance with the statutes providing for such publication, unless the same shall have been published for the prescribed period of time required for such publication, in a newspaper which at the time of such publication shall have been in existence for 1 year and shall have been entered as periodicals matter at a post office in the county where published, or in a newspaper which is a direct successor of a newspaper which together have been so published; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall apply where in any county there shall be no newspaper in existence which shall have been published for the length of time above prescribed. No legal publication of any kind, nature or description, as herein defined, shall be valid or binding or held to be in compliance with the statutes providing for such publication unless the same shall have been published in accordance with the provisions of this section. Proof of such publication shall be made by uniform affidavit.

History.--ss. 1-3, ch. 14830, 1931; CGL 1936 Supp. 4274(1); s. 7, ch. 22858, 1945; s. 6, ch. 67-254; s. 1, ch. 74-221; s. 22, ch. 99-2.

Note.--Former s. 49.03.

50.041 Proof of publication; uniform affidavits required.

(1) All affidavits of publishers of newspapers (or their official representatives) made for the purpose of establishing proof of publication of public notices or legal advertisements shall be uniform throughout the state.

(2) Each such affidavit shall be printed upon white bond paper containing at least 25 percent rag material and shall be 8.5 inches in width and of convenient length, not less than 5.5 inches. A white margin of not less than 2.5 inches shall be left at the right side of each affidavit form and upon or in this space shall be substantially pasted a clipping which shall be a true copy of the public notice or legal advertisement for which proof is executed.

(3) In all counties having a population in excess of 450,000 according to the latest official decennial census, in addition to the charges which are now or may hereafter be established by law for the publication of every official notice or legal advertisement, there may be a charge not to exceed \$2 for the preparation and execution of each such proof of publication or publisher's affidavit.

History.--s. 1, ch. 19290, 1939; CGL 1940 Supp. 4668(1); s. 1, ch. 63-49; s. 26, ch. 67-254; s. 1, ch. 76-58.

Note.--Former s. 49.04.

50.051 Proof of publication; form of uniform affidavit.-

The printed form upon which all such affidavits establishing proof of publication are to be executed shall be substantially as follows:

NAME OF NEWSPAPER
Published (Weekly or Daily)
(Town or City) (County) FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared _____, who on oath says that he or she is _____ of the _____, a _____ newspaper published at _____ in _____ County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a _____ in the matter of _____ in the _____ Court, was published in said newspaper in the issues of _____.

Affiant further says that the said _____ is a newspaper published at _____, in said _____ County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said _____ County, Florida, each _____ and has been entered as periodicals matter at the post office in _____, in said _____ County, Florida, for a period of 1 year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he or she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ (year)____, by _____, who is personally known to me or who has produced (type of identification) as identification.

_____(Signature of Notary Public)_____

_____(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)_____

_____(Notary Public)_____

History.-s. 2, ch. 19290, 1939; CGL 1940 Supp. 4668(2); s. 6, ch. 67-254; s. 1, ch. 93-62; s. 291, ch. 95-147; s.23, ch 99-2; s. 3, ch. 99-6.

Note.-Former s. 49.05.

50.061 Amounts chargeable.-

(1) The publisher of any newspaper publishing any and all official public notices or legal advertisements shall charge therefore the rates specified in this section without rebate, commission or refund.

(2) The charge for publishing each such official public notice or legal advertisement shall be 70 cents per square inch for the first insertion and 40 cents per square inch for each subsequent insertion, except that:

(a) In all counties having a population of more than 304,000 according to the latest official decennial census, the charge for publishing each such official public notice or legal advertisement shall be 80 cents per square inch for the first insertion and 60 cents per square inch for each subsequent insertion.

(b) In all counties having a population of more than 450,000 according to the latest official decennial census, the charge for publishing each such official public notice or legal advertisement shall be 95 cents per square inch for the first insertion and 75 cents per square inch for each subsequent insertion.

(3) Where the regular established minimum commercial rate per square inch of the newspaper publishing such official public notices or legal advertisements is in excess of the rate herein stipulated, said minimum commercial rate per square inch may be charged for all such legal advertisements or official public notices for each insertion, except that a governmental agency publishing an official public notice or legal advertisement may procure publication by soliciting and accepting written bids from newspapers published in the county, in which case the specified charges in this section do not apply.

(4) All official public notices and legal advertisements shall be charged and paid for on the basis of 6-point type on 6-point body, unless otherwise specified by statute.

(5) Any person violating a provision of this section, either by allowing or accepting any rebate, commission, or refund, commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or s. [775.083](#).

(6) Failure to charge the rates prescribed by this section shall in no way affect the validity of any official public notice or legal advertisement and shall not subject same to legal attack upon such grounds.

History.-s. 3, ch. 3022, 1877; RS 1298; GS 1729; RGS 2944; s. 1, ch. 12215, 1927; CGL 4668; ss. 1, 2, 2A, 2B, ch. 20264, 1941; s. 1, ch. 23663, 1947; s. 1, ch. 57-160; s. 1, ch. 63-50; s. 1, ch. 65-569; s. 6, ch. 67-254; s. 15, ch. 71-136; s. 35, ch. 73-332; s. 1, ch. 90-279.

Note.-Former s. 49.06.

50.0711 Court docket fund; service charges; publications.-

(1) The clerk of the court in each county may establish a court docket fund for the purpose of paying the cost of publication of the fact of the filing of any civil case in the circuit court of the county by the style and of the calendar relating to such cases. This court docket fund shall be funded by \$1 mandatory court cost for all civil actions, suits, or proceedings filed in the circuit court of the county. The clerk shall maintain such funds separate and apart, and the proceeds from this court cost shall not be diverted to any other fund or for any purpose other than that established in this section. The clerk of the court shall dispense the fund to the designated record newspaper in the county on a quarterly basis.

(2) A newspaper qualified under the terms of s. 50.011 shall be designated as the record newspaper for such publication by an order of the majority of the judges in the judicial circuit in which such county is located, and such order shall be filed and recorded with the clerk of the circuit court for such county. The designated record newspaper may be changed at the end of any fiscal year of the county by a majority vote of the judges of the judicial circuit of the county ordering such change 30 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, notice of which order shall be given to the previously designated record newspaper.

(3) The publishers of any designated record newspapers receiving payment from this court docket fund shall publish, without additional charge, the fact of the filing of any civil case, suit, or action filed in such county in the circuit. Such publication shall be in accordance with a schedule agreed upon between the record newspaper and the clerk of the court in such county.

(4) The publishers of any designated record newspapers receiving revenues from the court docket fund established in subsection (1) shall, without charge, accept legal advertisements for the purpose of service of process by publication under s. 49.011(4), (10), and (11) when such publication is required of persons authorized to proceed as indigent persons under s. 57.081.

History.--s. 46. ch. 2004-265.

**NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION BY
THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is given that the District's Final Agency Action is approval of the ERP STANDARD GENERAL on 0.37 acres to serve DRAINAGE SYSTEMS known as Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit. The project is located in HIGHLANDS County, Section/Township/Range S31/T36S/R30E. The permit applicant is Town of Lake Placid whose address is 311 West Interlake Boulevard Lake Placid, FL 33852. The permit No. is 44040523.000.

The file(s) pertaining to the project referred to above is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Southwest Florida Water Management District 170 Century Boulevard, Bartow, Florida 33830-7700.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's action regarding this permit may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), of the Uniform Rules of Procedure. *A request for hearing must (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's action, or final action; (2) state all material facts disputed by each person requesting the hearing or state that there are no disputed facts; and (3) otherwise comply with Chapter 28-106, F.A.C.* A request for hearing must be filed with and received by the Agency Clerk of the District at the District's Brooksville address, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 within 21 days of publication of this notice (or within 14 days for an Environmental Resource Permit with Proprietary Authorization for the use of Sovereign Submerged Lands). Failure to file a request for hearing within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of final agency action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., to settle an administrative dispute regarding the District's final action in this matter is not available prior to the filing of a request for hearing.

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