

Memorandum

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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August 3, 2012

TO: Herschel T. Vinyard Jr., Secretary
FROM: Tom Beason, General Counsel
RE: Significant Cases

Below is the Office of General Counsel's weekly status report on significant matters.

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Water Section

- Highlands Ranch Mitigation Bank and Bureau of Submerged Lands and Environmental Resources:
On July 17th, the Department received a petition for a variance from subsections 62-342.700(1)(a), (2), (3) and (4), F.A.C., from CRP/HLV Highlands Ranch, LLC, to waive the requirement that it provide proof of financial responsibility for the construction and implementation phase of a proposed mitigation bank and the release of mitigation credits. On July 27th, notice of the petition was published in the FAW. The Department has received one request from an interested party for a copy of the petition. The petition did not include all citations in Rule 62-342, F.A.C., that require financial

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responsibility, and thus the petition may need to be amended to fully accomplish petitioner's goals. The Department is reviewing whether a variance is required. (Christine Francescani)

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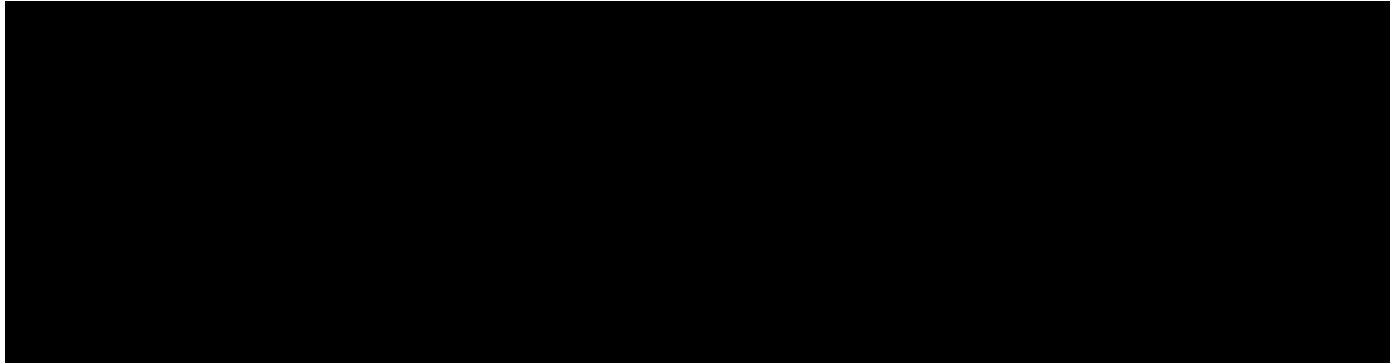
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New Employees

The Office of General Counsel welcomes two new attorneys who began their employment with the Department on August 1st. Lindsay Walton received her law degree from FSU in 2011. Lindsay will focus on institutional controls review and approval. Ben Melnick received his law degree from FSU in May. During law school, Ben interned with OGC's Public Lands Section. He will handle state lands litigation.

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