

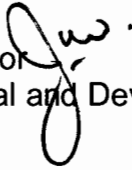


Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

March 21, 2017

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
–AND–
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director
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SUBJECT: April 11, 2017 – Work Session
Land Development Process – Environmental Permitting

During February and March of 2017, staff presented to the Board the first parts of a Work Session series aimed at providing an overview of the County's major growth policy framework and the overall land development process. Those work sessions covered the County's Comprehensive Plan and how it is implemented through our zoning code, performance standards, and re-zoning application processes. Additional work sessions will focus on environmental permitting and the subdivision of residential and commercial property.

On April 11, 2017, staff will provide an overview of the County's environmental protection ordinances as it relates to the development process. The work session will highlight the relevant regulatory framework at national, state, and local levels, and briefly describe the standards and processes for development related environmental permits issued by Orange County. Staff will also outline the County's definitions and standards for conservation wetland permits, including a summary of prior approved projects and trends. Staff will review precedence related to balancing property rights and environmental protection and share some of the challenges faced during the technical review of certain types of projects given statements by the private sector related to entitlements and financial viability.

This work session is for informational purposes only, and no action is required by the Board.

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