



Legislation Text

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Update - Biosolids Land Application Site Purchase (NB)

This item is in regard to the Biosolids Land Application Site purchase. GRU has been pursuing the purchase of Whistling Pines Ranch as approved by the City Commission on 7/23/07. Prior to purchase, a Special Exception is being sought from Alachua County to allow the continued land application of biosolids at the Whistling Pines Ranch. Staff made application to Alachua County for the Special Exception on 7/30/07. On 10/22/07, the Alachua County Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Exception with a 75 foot setback. Subsequent to the Alachua County Planning Commission recommendation, and at the request of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, GRU performed extensive testing and analysis to further demonstrate that land application as practiced at the Whistling Pines Ranch is protective of public health and safety and the environment. On 12/14/10 the County Commission will consider the request for the Special Exception. GRU Staff will provide an update to the City Commission on the outcome of the County Commission hearing on the Special Exception. The City Commission: 1) Receive a presentation on the status of the Special Exception being sought from Alachua County to allow the continued land application of biosolids at the Whistling Pines Ranch; and 2) take appropriate action. Prepared David R. Richardson, AGM/Water & Wastewater Systems
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