

Planning Division Staff Report

TXT24-0002

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Request: Amends the Infrastructure Element in preparation to incorporate the updated Water Supply Facilities Work Plan into the Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL

Positive Aspects of Application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes the Comprehensive Plan consistent with the local Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, in addition to being consistent with the SFWMD’s Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan
Negative Aspect of Application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Mitigating Factors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory Requirement

Background

On December 16th 2022, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) adopted the updates to the Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan. This regional water supply plan provides for water resources management and planning, with a two-decade timeframe. Water Supply Plans are amended periodically (every seven years) to remain relevant, to identify changes in growth patterns, and to ensure that sufficient capacity can be planned for in the medium-to-long term.

In order to coordinate all local government plans with each other, Chapter 163, F.S. requires that local governments adopt water supply plans within eighteen months of the Water Management District’s plan adoption. The deadline for the City’s plan, eighteen months after the SFWMD’s adoption, is June 16, 2024.

To accomplish this, the City proposes a minor amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, identified in the following section. These changes can be broadly summarized as housekeeping changes (e.g. amending dates). In addition, the proposed amendment and ordinance will serve to adopt the local Water Supply Facilities Work Plan into the Comprehensive Plan, as an appendix.

Summary and Analysis of the Proposed Changes by Element

Note: Additions are indicated in underline format, while deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.

INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL 1: Consistency with the 5-Year Capital Improvements Program and the adopted levels of service - required public facilities will be provided in a manner that promotes orderly, compact, and efficient urban growth.

Policy 2.3.5. The City hereby adopts the ~~2019~~ 2023 Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, dated ~~May April 12, 2019~~ 2023, thereby being consistent with the South Florida Water Management District's Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan Update. The City shall continue to coordinate future updates of the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan with the South Florida Water Management District, as required by law.

A standard update to provide for revised dates, in accordance with the most recent plan update.

Recommendation

Staff recommends adoption of the proposed text amendments.