

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA) STAFF REPORT

Case Number: CP-21-02

LPA Public Hearing: December 9, 2021

Applicant: Pinellas County Housing and Community Development Department

Representative: Same as above

Subject Property: Pinellas County

REQUEST:

Find the request consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan; and recommend adoption of an Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan, updating Appendix A, the Ten-Year Water Supply Facility Plan, of the Potable Water, Wastewater & Reuse Element.

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA) RECOMMENDATION:

The Local Planning Agency finds the proposed amendments to Appendix A, the Ten-Year Water Supply Facility Plan, of the Potable Water Supply, Wastewater & Reuse Element consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan and recommends approval of the amendments by the Board of County Commissioners. (The vote was 7-0, in favor.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- **Staff recommends** that the LPA find the proposed Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan **CONSISTENT** with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan, based on this report.
- **Staff further recommends** that the LPA recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed Ordinance to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

SUMMARY REPORT

The primary purpose of the Ten-Year Water Supply Facility Plan update, also known as the Work Plan, is to meet water supply and water facilities planning statutory requirements, and to identify and plan for water supply sources and facilities needed to meet existing and projected retail and wholesale potable water demands within the County's Water Demand Planning Area.

Specifically, Section 163.3177(6)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires local governments to adopt a work plan into their Comprehensive Plan within 18 months after the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) adopts, or updates, the Regional Water Supply Plan. The most recently updated Regional Water Supply Plan was approved by SWFWMD in November 2020, and the deadline for local governments to meet this requirement is May 2022.

Staff from the Utilities Department worked with the Planning Division to complete the required changes to the Work Plan, updating it to be consistent with the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Staff has provided each municipality who is a retail or wholesale water customer with a copy of the updated Work Plan draft to assist them with preparing the necessary updates to their respective Comprehensive Plans, evidencing the County's commitment to meeting wholesale and retail water needs.

The Development Review Committee (DRC) reviewed this application on November 8, 2021 and has forwarded it to the LPA for their recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Staff finds that the proposed amendments consistent with following Goal, Objectives, and Policies of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan:

Potable Water Supply, Wastewater and Reuse Element:

GOAL ONE: HIGH QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE POTABLE WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE EXISTING AND PROJECTED DEMANDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY UTILITY CUSTOMERS.

- 1.1. **Objective:** Pinellas County shall continue to cooperate on a regional level to ensure that adequate and dependable supplies of potable water are available to meet existing and projected potable water demands, and shall coordinate the issuance of building permits and development orders with the availability of potable water. Policies 1.1.1 through 1.1.4 represent the adopted level of service standards for potable water systems serving Pinellas County.
- 1.1.1. **Policy:** Except as otherwise provided in the Master Water Supply Contract and in the associated Interlocal Agreement, all potable water required by Pinellas County Utilities to serve its customers shall be supplied by Tampa Bay Water.
- 1.1.7. **Policy:** Pinellas County will continue to support the value of local and regional partnerships in the provision of potable water supply, and will coordinate its water supply facilities planning with Tampa Bay Water and the Southwest Florida Water Management District and with their respective Master Water Plan and Regional Water Supply Plan.
- 1.2. **Objective:** Pinellas County Utilities will maintain a Ten Year Work Plan, that includes the relevant recommendations of the Regional Water Supply Plan, and incorporates a six-year schedule of Capital Improvements, in order to correct existing

deficiencies, to replace worn out or obsolete facilities, to fund new and ongoing conservation initiatives, to provide the facilities and programs to meet retail and wholesale customer needs, and to accommodate desired future growth.

- 1.2.3. Policy: Pinellas County Utilities will account for the potable water supply needs of its wholesale and retail customers in the population estimates and projections provided annually to Tampa Bay Water, and in the County's capital facilities planning, consistent with the provisions within the individual interlocal agreements with municipal governments.
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PROPOSED BCC HEARING DATE: January 25, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO DATE: No correspondence received.

PERSONS APPEARING AT THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY HEARING: No one appeared in favor or in opposition.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Ordinance – strike-thru and clean versions