

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 9E
From: Staff
Date: July 17, 2015 Council Meeting
Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendment to the Village of Palm Springs Comprehensive Plan
Amendment No. 15-2ESR

Introduction

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*, requires that the regional planning council review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. The regional planning council review and comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. Council must provide any comments to the local government within 30 days of the receipt of the proposed amendments and must also send a copy of any comments to the state land planning agency.

The amendment package from the Village of Palm Springs contains text changes to the Infrastructure; Conservation; Intergovernmental Coordination; and Capital Improvements elements of the comprehensive plan related to an update to the 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSFWP). This report includes a summary of the proposed amendment and Council comments.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment provides text changes to the comprehensive plan based on an update to the 10-Year WSFWP. The updated WSFWP is adopted by reference in Policy B.6 of the Potable Water Sub-Element of the Infrastructure Element. The updated WSFWP covers the planning period from 2015-2025. The proposed amendment includes minor changes to the comprehensive plan to reflect proper dates; updated references to the Palm Beach County Wellfield Protection Program, Palm Springs' Land Development Code, and other items; and the addition of water supply projects to the Five Year Schedule of Capital Improvements. The work plan was updated to be consistent with the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, which was approved by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on September 12, 2013. The proposed changes to the village's comprehensive plan are available as a supplement to this report on Council's website.

The purpose of the village's 10-year WSFWP update is to identify and plan for the water supply sources and facilities needed to serve existing and new development within the local government's jurisdiction. The WSFWP indicates that, depending on location, the residents of the Village of Palm Springs obtain their water from one of two utilities, including the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department and the Village of Palm Springs Utility Department. The Village of Palm Springs Utility Department also serves portions of unincorporated Palm Beach County and a portion of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores. The Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department only serves several small portions of the Village of Palm Springs.

The Village of Palm Springs obtains groundwater from the surficial aquifer through eleven wells in an eastern wellfield and six wells in a western wellfield. The village has two water treatment plants that operate on an interconnected transmission and distribution system. The village water use permit was issued by the SFWMD in 2009. Currently, the potable water allocation for the village is 1,685 million gallons a year. However, based on a population projection, the village is expecting to have a 40,000 gallon per day deficit by the year 2025. In order to offset the projected deficit, the WSFWP indicates the village is planning to request an increase in the amount of raw water withdrawal from the surficial aquifer through a modification to the water use permit. The plan indicates that the village has programmed capital improvement projects to promote water conservation and ensure adequate water supply for existing and projected populations in its service area. The comprehensive plan continues to support water conservation through the implementation of water reuse programs and conservation strategies and techniques.

Regional Impacts

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities have been identified.

Extrajurisdictional Impacts

The proposed amendment was circulated by the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee Clearinghouse Coordinator on March 30, 2015. No extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

Conclusion

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities and no extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

Recommendation

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to the Village of Palm Springs and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 General Location Map

