

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 8G

From: Staff

Date: March 20, 2015 Council Meeting

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendment to the Town of Highland Beach Comprehensive Plan
Amendment No. 15-1ESR

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 Town of Highland Beach includes text changes to the Future Land Use, Infrastructure, Transportation, Coastal Management, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements elements of the comprehensive plan. The changes are primarily related to an update to the 20 Year Water Supply Work Plan (WSWP). 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 20 Year WSWP. The proposed amendment includes minor changes to the Infrastructure and Capital Improvement elements to reflect proper dates and references to the water supply work plan, and changes focused on future anticipated capital improvement projects related to infrastructure renewal and replacement. The WSWP was updated to be consistent with the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, which was updated by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on September 12, 2013. The amendment package also includes other minor corrections to the Future Land Use, Transportation, Coastal Management/Conservation, and Intergovernmental Coordination elements of the comprehensive

plan. These changes were made to improve clarity of the plan. The proposed changes are available as a supplement to this report on Council's website.

The 20 Year WSWP indicates that the town has a consumptive use permit from the SFWMD for an annual allocation not to exceed 1,148 million gallons per year. The water source for withdrawals is from the Floridan aquifer. The town has three production wells and a reverse osmosis water treatment plant to meet current and future water demands. The town also has a distribution system that is interconnected with the water systems of the cities of Boca Raton and Delray Beach. The town has bulk water agreements in place with both of these communities. Water is not regularly provided to the town through these interconnections, but is available in the event of an emergency. The 20 Year WSWP indicates the town promotes water conservation through Palm Beach County programs and supports SFWMD, Boca Raton, Delray Beach, and Palm Beach County water reuse projects and programs.

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 February 19, 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 Town of Highland Beach and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Attachments

List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1 General Location Map

Exhibit 1 General Location Map

