

STAFF REPORT

HEARINGS: Planning & Zoning Commission: March 14, 2022
Local Planning Agency: April 12, 2022
Board of County Commissioners: April 12, 2022
Board of County Commissioners: July 12, 2022

APPLICANT: Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

FILE NUMBER: CPAM2201

REQUEST: Adoption of the 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and Revisions to the Utilities Element of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

GENERAL

LOCATION: Countywide

LEGAL

DESCRIPTION: Countywide

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In order to ensure adequate water supplies, the Florida Legislature has established a coordinated planning process between regional water supply plans prepared by the water management districts pursuant to Chapter 373, F.S., and comprehensive plans prepared by local governments pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. Under these laws, local governments must address in their comprehensive plans the water supply sources necessary to meet and achieve existing and projected water use demand for the established planning period, considering the applicable regional water supply plan prepared pursuant to Section 373.709, F.S.

1. Section 163.3177(6)(c)(3), F.S., requires local governments to amend their comprehensive plan: to incorporate alternative water supply projects that the local government proposes or selects from those identified in the regional water supply plan for their region; and
2. To adopt a work plan, covering at least a 10-year planning period, for building public, private, and regional water supply facilities, including the development of alternative water supply projects, conservation projects and reclaimed water projects, which are necessary to serve existing and new development. The work plan must be reviewed and updated approximately every five years, corresponding with the update to the regional water supply plan.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

The 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan describes:

1. The District and Statutory requirements upon which it is based;
2. The County’s current and planned potable water system conditions including reclaimed water and conservation program implementation;
3. A summary of future water source options to meet the water savings projected in the District’s Regional Water Supply Plan.
4. Proposed corresponding changes to the Goals, Objectives and Strategies of the Utilities Element of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed changes are consistent with the plans and programs of the Hernando County Utilities Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) review the 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and proposed revisions to the Utilities Element of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and recommend to the Local Planning Agency (LPA) / Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) that CPAM-22-01 be transmitted to the designated State and local agencies for review and comment.

P&Z RECOMMENDATION:

On March 14, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend that the Local Planning Agency (LPA)/Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) transmit CPAM-22-01 to the designated State and Local agencies for review and comment with the modifications proposed by staff at the hearing.

BCC/LPA ACTION:

On April 12, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners/Local Planning Agency voted 5-0 to transmit CPAM-22-01 to the designated State and Local agencies for review and comment.

STATE AGENCY RESPONSES:

On May 13, 2022, the County received a letter of no objection from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board review the proposed amendment, consider the attached staff report and backup information, adopt the amendment package, and authorize the final transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.