

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLANS

Why update the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan)?

- Ensure adequate water supply for current and future residents
- Strengthen position to compete for funding assistance
- Plan for alternative water supply sources that take time to develop and finance
- Ensure local needs are considered by regional water suppliers and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
- Meet statutory requirements (Chapter 163, Florida Statutes) after the applicable Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) has been updated

How is the Work Plan updated?

- As a Comprehensive Plan amendment, pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, under the Expedited State Review Process or the State Coordinated Review Process. The Work Plan can be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan in one of three ways:
 - Incorporated as a standalone document adopted by reference,
 - Incorporated as a separate element or sub-element, or
 - Incorporated into applicable elements.
- May be combined and submitted with other Comprehensive Plan amendments

Who prepares the Work Plan update?

- Each local government, including those that obtain their water from another local government or utility

When are adopted Comprehensive Plan amendments due?

- Within 18 months after the applicable RWSP update is approved by the SFWMD
- If a local government is in one or more water management districts or water supply regions, the Work Plan update is due 18 months after the later RWSP is adopted.

What is included in the Work Plan update?

- Population estimates and projections
- Water demand estimates and projections
- Identification of viable water sources to meet demands
- Capital improvement needs to meet existing and future demands
- Conservation efforts

- Planning time frames
- Changes since the original Work Plan was adopted (e.g., water supplier, service area, planned facilities, water suppliers, water users, level of service standards)

Will assistance be provided to update the Work Plan?

- The Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Updates Technical Assistance Guide is available on the SFWMD website at: <https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/water-supply/work-plans>
- Assistance can be provided through regional workshops, one-on-one meetings, and information on the SFWMD website
- SFWMD staff are available to conduct informal pre-submittal reviews

Is there a sample policy that incorporates a Work Plan into an adopted Comprehensive Plan?

Below is a sample policy to incorporate the Work Plan into the Comprehensive Plan:

The [local government] hereby adopts by reference the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) into the [local government's] Comprehensive Plan, dated xxxx, for a planning period of not less than 10 years. The Work Plan addresses issues that pertain to water supply facilities and requirements needed to serve current and future development within the [local government].

How are Comprehensive Plan amendments submitted to the SFWMD for review?

Local governments are encouraged to submit Comprehensive Plan amendments to the SFWMD via the SFLOCALGOVPLAN@sfwmd.gov email

Submit amendments to:

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