



CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA

**Planning Staff Report
for
Water Supply Facilities Work Plan**

<u>TYPE OF CASE:</u>	Comprehensive Plan Amendment
<u>STAFF REVIEWER:</u>	Laura Constantino, MSE, and Rhea Hunter, AICP
<u>DATE:</u>	September 10, 2026
<u>APPLICANT:</u>	City of LaBelle (City-Initiated)
<u>AGENT:</u>	City of LaBelle City Commission
<u>REQUEST:</u>	Consideration of an amendment to the City of LaBelle Comprehensive Plan with an updated 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.
<u>LOCATION:</u>	City-wide
<u>PROPERTY SIZE:</u>	City-wide

STAFF NARRATIVE:

The purpose of the City of LaBelle Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) 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. Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires local governments to prepare and adopt Work Plans into their comprehensive plans within 18 months after the South Florida Water Management District (District) approves a regional water supply plan or its update. The 2022 Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan Update was approved by the District's Governing Board on December 8th, 2022 and therefore the City needs to amend their Comprehensive Plan with an updated Work Plan.

The Work Plan will reference the initiatives already identified to ensure adequate water supply for the City of LaBelle. According to state guidelines, the Work Plan and the comprehensive plan must address the development of traditional and alternative water supplies, service delivery and conservation and reuse programs necessary to serve existing and new development for at least a 10-year planning period. The Work Plan will have a planning time schedule consistent with the comprehensive plan and the Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan Update.

The Work Plan included with Ordinance 2026-11 was prepared by the City's Engineering Consultant, Four Water Engineering.

Upon transmittal, the Plan is further reviewed by the appropriate state agencies, including but not limited to the South Florida Water Management District and Department of Commerce. Final

adoption by the City Commission upon receipt of state agency comments will be required as a final action on this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff finds that the proposed ordinance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the 2022 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update and recommends **APPROVAL**.

SUGGESTED MOTION(S)

APPROVAL:

I make a motion to approve the transmittal of the proposed Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION(S):

I make a motion to approve transmittal of the proposed Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, with the following changes:

- 1)

DENIAL:

I make a motion to deny the proposed Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

The request does not meet the intent of the Comprehensive Plan.

- 1) Why?