

Frequently Asked Questions On How and Why To Update A Water Supply Facilities Work Plan

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 sources that take time to develop and finance — easy, inexpensive water sources are becoming harder to find
- Ensure local needs are considered by regional water suppliers and the District
- Meet statutory requirements (Florida Statutes)

How is the Work Plan updated?

- As a comprehensive plan amendment, pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S., under the “Expedited State Review Process” unless the amendment is processed under the “State Coordinated Review Process”
- Must be incorporated into the comprehensive plan in one of three ways:
 - 1) By reference into the comprehensive plan,
 - 2) As a separate element or sub-element, or
 - 3) Incorporating the required information within a separate elements
- Can be combined and submitted along with other comprehensive plan amendments

Who prepares the update?

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

When are the updated comprehensive plan amendments due?

- 18 months after the applicable Regional Water Supply Plan is adopted by the District
- If a local government is located in one or more Water Management District, the update is due 18 months after the later Regional Water Supply Plan is adopted

What is included in the update?

- Population estimates and projections
- Projections of future water demand
- An identification of viable water sources to meet those demand
- Capital improvement needs to meet future demands
- Conservation efforts
- Planning timeframes
- Changes since the Work Plan was adopted, such as, service provider, service area, planned facilities, water suppliers, water users, level of service standards, etc.

Will assistance be provided to update the Work Plan?

- District staff has developed a technical assistance program to help local governments update their Work Plan
- Assistance is being provided through regional workshops, one-on-one meetings and with information and tools on the District’s website
- Tools, including an update checklist, a Power-Point presentation, generic Work Plan Template and a webpage have been developed and are located on the District’s website

How are comprehensive plan amendments submitted to the District for review?

- Local governments are encouraged to submit comprehensive plan amendments to the District by cd/dvd or in an electronic format (by e-mailing a pdf copy of the amendment or by providing a link to a site, such as a website or an ftp site)
- Submit to:
Terry Manning, Policy and Planning Analyst
Water Supply Coordination Unit
SFWMD
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
tmanning@sfwmd.gov

For further information:

- **SFWMD Resources and Contacts**
 - Work Plan webpage: www.sfwmd.gov/work_plan_support
 - Water Supply Planning webpage for Regional Water Supply Plans: www.sfwmd.gov/watersupply
 - Water Supply Coordination Unit Contacts:
 - Upper East Coast, Lower West Coast, and Upper Kissimmee Basin – Deborah Oblaczynski
 - doblaczy@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-2544
 - Lower East Coast and Lower Kissimmee Basin – Terry Manning
 - tmanning@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-6779
- **DEO website**
 - Water Supply Planning:
<http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/programs/technical-assistance/planning-initiatives/natural-resource-planning/water-supply-planning>
 - Comprehensive Plan Amendments:
<http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/programs/comprehensive-planning/amendment-submittal-and-processing-guidelines>
- **Southwest Florida Water Management District Contact**
 - Trisha Neasman, trisha.neasman@watermatters.org or (352) 796-7211 X4407
- **St. Johns River Water Management District Contact**
 - Steve Fitzgibbons, sfitzgib@sjrwmd.com or (386) 312-2369