

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 5L

From: Staff

Date: September 19, 2008 Council Meeting

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendments to the Village of Palm Springs Comprehensive Plan
DCA Reference No. 08RWSP1

Introduction

The Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*, requires that Council review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. Under the provisions of this law, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) prepares an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report on a proposed amendment only if requested to do so by the local government, the regional planning council, an affected person, or if an ORC Report is otherwise deemed necessary by the DCA. If an ORC Report is to be prepared, then Council must provide DCA with its findings of consistency or inconsistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), and provide any comments and recommendations for modification on the proposed amendments within 30 days of its receipt.

Background

The Village of Palm Springs has proposed text amendments to the following elements of the Town Comprehensive Plan: Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements. The proposed amendments are exempt from the twice per year limitation on plan amendments because they are to incorporate the regional water supply work plan (Rule 9J-11.006(1)(a)7.t. Florida Administrative Code). The Village has requested a formal review of the amendments by the DCA.

Evaluation

The purpose of the text amendments is to address statutory requirements by providing coordination of the Village's 10-Year Water Supply Plan with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.

1. Infrastructure Element

The revisions to this element include an entirely new Potable Water Sub-Element. The objectives of this element related to:

- Potable water facilities and level of service.
- Aquifer sustainability.
- Existing facilities and urban sprawl.
- Alternative water supplies.

New policies address coordinating land uses with availability of water supplies and facilities, concurrency, level of service standards, commitment to revise the Water Supply Facility Work Plan (WSFWP), coordination with the SFWMD on planning, supply, and conservation and protection of the aquifer. The WSFWP is formally adopted as a part of the comprehensive plan in new Policy B.6.

2. Conservation Element

New or revised policies address reducing per capita consumption of potable water, well field protection, water conservation in landscaping, education regarding conservation and provisions to be considered to conserve water.

3. Intergovernmental Element

New policies are to maintain the WSFWP in cooperation with the SFWMD, coordination with Palm Beach County on population estimates and projections, update the WSFWP, and participate in updating the SFWMD Water Supply Plan.

4. Capital Improvements Element

A new policy indicates the Village will review and establish priorities for water supply improvements as part of capital improvements programming.

Extrajurisdictional Impacts

The Village provided the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee and the amendments were processed by the Clearinghouse on July 15, 2008. According to the information available to the Council, no objections have been filed to the proposed amendments.

Effects on Significant Regional Resources or Facilities

Analysis of the proposed amendments indicates that they would not have adverse effects on significant regional resources or facilities.

Analysis of Consistency with Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Council has no comments/recommendations for modification to the proposed amendments. The amendments are considered to be consistent with the SRPP.

Consistency with Strategic Regional Policy Plan

The contract agreement between the DCA and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council requires Council to include a determination of consistency with the SRPP as part of the written report to be submitted to the DCA. Council finds the proposed amendments to be CONSISTENT with the SRPP.

Recommendation

Council should adopt the above comments and instruct staff to transmit the report to the Department of Community Affairs.

Attachments

List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1 General Location Map

Exhibit 1 General Location Map Village of Palm Springs

