

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Blue Sheet No. 20130964**

**ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:**

Direct three Board of County Commission sponsored amendments to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan, the Lee Plan. Amendments will include irrigation well overlay, wellfield protection, and Capital Improvements Program.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

No funds required.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:**

Authorizes staff to begin their analysis and prepare staff report for later public hearings.

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**Departmental Category:** C2B

**Meeting Date:** 11/19/2013

**Agenda:**

**Requirement/Purpose:** *(specify)*

Consent

- Statute
- Ordinance
- Admin Code     13-6
- Other

**Request Initiated**

**Commissioner:** All

**Department:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Division:** Planning

**By:** Paul OConnor

**Background:**

The Lee Plan currently contains limited provisions that regulate consumptive water use from certain below ground aquifers, specifically the Lower Tamiami aquifer as depicted on the irrigation well overlay. Lee County Natural Resources staff recently received a letter from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) requesting that Lee County remove these provisions from the Lee Plan because the District has sole authority over consumptive use permits.

Lee County Utilities over time has expanded their well fields and added several new wells. They have requested that Map 8 in the Lee Plan which identifies the cones of influence surrounding the new wells be updated. The cones of influence regulate uses which are or could be harmful to the water quality near the wells.

In addition, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) tables need to be updated to reflect current status of the program. This will include updating Tables 3 and 4 of the Lee Plan, and evaluating Table 3a, the School District 5-Year CIP, for either updates or deletion.

Attachments: October 16, 2013 Letter from the South Florida Water Management District  
November 5, 2013 Memo from Utilities

**11. Required Review:**

<i>Mary Gibbs</i>	<i>Theelma Davis</i>	<i>Michael Jacob</i>	<i>Peter Winton</i>	<i>Holly Schwartz</i>	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Budget Analyst	County Attorney	Budget Services	County Manager	

**12. Commission Action:**