



## Potable Water Sub-Element – Walton County Staff Analysis of Changes

### Reorganization:

- **Goals** are general statements of desired outcomes of the community. While often broadly written, goals should be stated specifically enough so that it is possible to assess whether progress has been made in achieving them.
- **Objectives** are more specific and are a subset of goals, providing measurable strategies. Objectives should not stand alone without a goal. If an objective does not fit under a goal and it is considered important, then it may be more appropriately written as a goal. It is undesirable to have an Objective statement that actually contains numerous Objectives, this make intent hard to discern for policy formulation/implementation and makes measurability very difficult.
- **Policies** are “operational” actions that a community will undertake to meet the goals and objectives. The Comprehensive Plan’s policies can be categorized as existing (operational) policies, or ones that need further approvals from the County Commission. However, the Plan should not contain policies that are not implementable due to financial or staffing constraints as including these types of policies confuses the vision or direction and diminishes the meaning of the Plan on an operational level.
- **Planning hierarchy related** – The Comprehensive Plan should provide authorization or general policy direction for regulations implemented within the Land Development Code. This aids in interpretation of the Code.
- **Relocation to other elements** – General policy direction or Plan related authorization should be located in a logical place to ease implementation.

### Outdated or Duplicative:

- Policies may not have been implemented due to limited staff resources, limited funding or competing priorities.
- Policies and or objectives may be repeated elsewhere in the Plan creating opportunities for internal inconsistencies and difficult administration.

### Statute and Administrative Code Related:

- Section 163.3180 was amended to set timing standards for sewer, solid waste, drainage and potable water facilities to be in place no later than the issuance of the certificate of occupancy; for parks and recreation facilities, no later than 1 year after issuance of certificate of occupancy; for transportation facilities, in place or under actual construction no later than 3 years after issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

### Substantive Changes:

- Strikes the Aquifer Recharge Sub-Element and relocates substantive GOPs to the Potable Water Sub-Element.



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### Policy Issues:

- Concurrency procedure is deferred to the Land Development Code, substantive changes in compliance with the statutory changes listed in the previous section will be required.