TEMPLATE FOR REGULATORY TEAM REVIEW OF SOLUTIONS PLANNING TEAM PROJECTS

Project name and description:

Joint Tampa Bay Water/Polk County Supply SU134

Polk County has been meeting with representatives of Tampa Bay Water and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The Polk County Board of County Commissioners and Tampa Bay Water Board of Directors formalized these discussions in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was approved by both parties in 2009. As provided for in the MOU, Polk County and Tampa Bay Water have shared technical and engineering information and analyses related to water supply planning studies and have discussed whether future water supply project(s) might have the potential to provide benefits to both parties if jointly pursued. Tampa Bay Water is currently studying 7 potential new water supply projects. The results of the feasibility of those projects will be taken to the Tampa Bay Water Board in 2018 as part of the update of their Master Water Plan. At that time, the Tampa Bay Water Board may choose one or more projects for implementation, in order to meet Tampa Bay Water's Member Government demands in the planning timeframe.

Polk County anticipates a need of 10 MGD, although the target date of 2035 may be pushed out. Tampa Bay Water will most likely require additional water supply in the CFWI planning timeframe. Should a future project be found beneficial for the County and Tampa Bay Water to cooperatively implement, further agreements beyond the existing MOU would be needed. Planning and other Agreements would be required with a Polk County Regional Water Supply Entity.

Planning Level Review for Permittability

No specific Consumptive Use Permits are currently proposed for this project as it is currently a place holder for any future projects developed by TBW. If a project is proposed that requires a Consumptive Use Permit, the review will require an evaluation of the District's Conditions for Permit Issuance as well as the Recovery Strategies for the Southern Water Use Caution Area, Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area, and Dover/Plant City Water Use Caution Area.

Identification of consumptive use permit program inconsistencies between the water management districts which may impact the project:

Any project developed as part of this project will most likely require an evaluation of permitability in relation to the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Water Use Caution Areas including the Southern Water Use Caution Area, the Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area, and the Dover/Plant City Water Use Caution Area.

Identification of Chapter 373, F.S., impediments, if any, associated with project:

None identified

Identification of unusual, non-Chapter 373, F.S., considerations:

None identified