



May 24, 2023

Planning and Zoning Division
City of Venice
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285

**Re: City of Venice Water Supply Plan
Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Project Narrative**

On behalf of the City of Venice's (City) Utility Department, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) prepared an update to the City's 10-Year Water Supply Plan (WSP). In accordance with Section 163.3177 F.S., the City is required to submit a Water Supply Plan to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) every 5 years or within 18 months of publication of the Regional Water Supply Plan. Further, the updated WSP must be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan, at a minimum by reference, including an update to any affected elements and corresponding policies within the Comprehensive Plan.

The purpose of the WSP is to establish the Public Water System's projected demands, and assess the capabilities of the system, potential water sources and facilities. The goal is to assist SWFWMD in creating a decision-making framework for water management. The WSP contains a description of the City's existing system and service area, including the Joint Planning Area (JPA) shared with Sarasota County. The WSP also includes portions of the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), detailing projects necessary to provide the projected water demands while promoting conservation efforts and maintaining adequate water supply. As outlined in the WSP, the continued commitment to the City's CIP projects and conservation/reuse activities enables the City to provide for the projected water demands at the current level of service.

Please find enclosed the 10-Year Water Supply Plan and resulting limited comprehensive plan text amendments to the Open Space and Infrastructure Elements. Kimley-Horn has prepared a strikethrough-underline version of the respective Strategy(s) requiring amendment. The following changes are proposed:

“Strategy OS 1.12.9 - Emergency Water Conservation

The City shall continue to implement emergency water conservation practices in accordance with the SWFWMD. Such directives include the implementation of water management plans and emergency conservation- including those identified within the City of Venice Water Supply Work Plan, Prepared By: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., ~~May 2019~~
January 2023.”

“Strategy IN 1.2.6 - Utility Master Plans

The City shall update or develop utility master plans based on an overall infrastructure prioritization schedule to ensure consistency with partner agency plans and reflect best industry practices. The City’s utility master plans shall include the following and be updated according to Florida Statutes:

1. Water Supply Master Plan (*City of Venice Water Supply Work Plan, Prepared By: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., ~~May 2019~~ January 2023*)
2. Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Master Plan

The City should pursue the development of a Stormwater Master Plan.”

This Comprehensive Plan Amendment application is intended to incorporate the WSP in the Data, Inventory, and Analysis (DIA) portion of the Comprehensive Plan and by reference in the goals, objectives, and policies of the aforementioned elements.

Please contact me at 941.379.7600 if you have any questions.

As always, thank you.



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