## Will this use interfere with any presently existing legal use of water? [ref. subsection 40B-2.301(1)(b)]

No. Project withdrawals were modeled and showed a simulated Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 feet at the project boundary and no complaints of interference have been received by the District for the existing withdrawals at the project. Therefore, groundwater withdrawals at this project are not expected to interfere with any presently existing legal uses of water.

## Will this use be consistent with the public interest? [ref. subsection 40B-2.301(1)(c)]

Yes. The use of water for agricultural purposes is consistent with the public interest.

#### Will this use be in such a quantity that is necessary for economic and efficient use?

[ref. subsection 40B-2.301(2)(a)]

Yes. Water use consistent with the aforementioned supplemental irrigation model is economic and efficient. The permittee will implement the following water conservation measures for the agricultural uses: fixing leaks as needed, installing new drip tape each year and ensuring a 90% distribution uniformity is maintained, ensuring a 65% distribution uniformity is maintained for travelers, utilizing buried pipe to reduce the risk of damage leading to leaks, using UF-IFAS and NRCS-approved methods and soil moisture probes for scheduling irrigation, using conservation tillage and cover crops to increase soil health and soil water holding capacity, and when feasible irrigating only at night and when the wind is less than 5 mph.

# Will the source of the water be suitable for the consumptive use? [ref. subsection 40B-2.301(2)(c)]

Yes. Staff determined the Upper Floridan aguifer is suitable for the consumptive use.

# Will the source of the water be capable of producing the requested amount? [ref. subsection 40B-2.301(2)(d)]

Yes. Staff determined the Upper Floridan aquifer is capable of producing the requested amounts.

Except when the use is for human food preparation and direct human consumption, is the lowest quality water source that is suitable for the purpose and is technically, environmentally, and economically feasible being utilized? [ref. subsection 40B-2.301(2)(e)]

Yes. The lowest quality water source that is suitable for the purpose and that is technically, environmentally, and economically feasible is being utilized.