

(c) is consistent with the public interest.

The above requirements are detailed further in the District's Applicant's Handbook: Consumptive Uses of Water, December 11, 2025 ("A.H."). In addition to the aforementioned, District staff have reviewed the proposed use in accordance with Rule 62- 42.300(1)(d), F.A.C., which contains supplemental regulatory measures for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Associated Priority Springs minimum flows and levels and Rules 62-41.400 through 62-41.402, F.A.C. which contain supplemental regulatory measures for proposed water withdrawals potentially impacting an Outstanding Florida Spring (OFS).

District staff have reviewed the consumptive use permit application pursuant to the above-described requirements and have determined that the application meets the conditions for issuance of this permit. A summary of the staff review is provided below.

REASONABLE BENEFICIAL USE CRITERIA:

Economic and Efficient Utilization:

- Requested increase in allocation is approximately 15% above the previous allocation and will meet a projected population increase of approximately 36% over the permit duration.
- Population increases based on BEBR linear parcel-level projections completed by BEBR.
- Projected additional commercial/industrial demand growth.
- Five-year average residential use of 72 gpcd was employed for demand projections.
- Beneficial reclaimed water utilization is at 100% and is expected to remain at 100%.
- The proposed use will be economic and efficient under section 2.3(a), A.H.

Water Conservation:

A water conservation plan was submitted that meets the requirements of Section 2.2.2.5 A.H.

Conservation measures include:

- A public education program:
 - Social media outreach, community and school presentations, and conservation material available on GRU's website
 - Florida-Friendly Landscaping education promotions