

(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, F.A.C., which contains supplemental regulatory measures for the LSFIR MFLs 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:

- The proposed increase in allocation represents a 26% increase in allocation to meet a projected population increase of approximately 74% over the permit duration.
- Population projections are based on county-level projections completed by the University of Florida Bureau of Economics and Business Research (BEBR).
- Five-year average residential use of 82 gallons per capita day (GPCD) was utilized for demand projections and is consistent with the 2023 North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.
  - SJCUD is taking measures to reduce its GPCD to 75 or below as outlined in the Water Conservation Section below.
- 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 and subsection 62-42.300(6), F.A.C.

- SJCUD has established a residential per capita daily water use goal of 75 GPCD by the end of permit term in accordance with Rule 62-42.300(6), F.A.C. To demonstrate progress towards this goal, SJCUD has adopted five-year goals in an effort to stay on track with the end of permit goal of 75 GPCD.
- SJCUD plans to meet water conservation goals through measures outlined below: