

ADDENDUM to ATTACHMENT G-2: Proposed changes to Agriculture and Food Section

3. Natural Environment

Addendum – Dec. 12, 2016

City utilities staff recommended the following language for policies 3.12 and 3.25. The language was supposed to have been included in the initial draft, but it did not get saved and transmitted properly. Staff asks that OSBT and Planning Board please consider the following language in place of the Dec. 5 draft.

3.12 Water Conservation

The city and county will promote the conservation of water resources through water quality protection, public education, monitoring and policies that promote appropriate efficient water usage such as water conserving landscaping. The city will endeavor to minimize water waste and reduce water use during peak demand periods. New development and redevelopment designed to conserve water will be encouraged.

Note: Includes the word "efficient" in place of "appropriate".

3.25 Water Resource Planning and Acquisition

Water resource planning efforts will be regional in nature and incorporate the goals of water quality protection; ~~and as well as~~ surface and ground-water conservation. The city will use a variety of strategies, such as water conservation, demand management, reuse and acquisition of additional water supplies to meet the adopted municipal water supply reliability goals while balancing instream flow maintenance and agricultural preservation. ~~The city will continue to obtain additional municipal water supplies to insure adequate drinking water, maintain instream flows and preserve agricultural uses.~~ The city will seek to minimize or mitigate the environmental, agricultural and economic impacts to other jurisdictions ~~in its acquisition of additional municipal water supply to~~ and seek to further the goals of maintaining instream flows and preventing the permanent removal of land from agricultural production elsewhere in the state in its acquisition of additional municipal water supply.

Note: This new language reflects current utilities master plans and community input requesting to strike language about "obtaining additional municipal water supplies". The city acquires municipal water supplies only as needed, and it uses a variety of strategies to address water resource planning and balancing other objectives.