

**Is this a reasonable–beneficial use?  
[ref. subsection 40B-2.301(1)(a)]**

Yes. Based on the evaluation of criteria listed in subsections 40B-2.301(2)(a)-(k), F.A.C.

**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 reports of interference have been reported to the District. Therefore, continued 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 models is economic and efficient. The permittee will implement the following water conservation measures for the agricultural uses: checking daily for irrigation leaks and repairing them as needed, retrofitting the pivots with new sprinklers and regulators, efficiency testing the pivots to ensure that an 80% distribution uniformity will be maintained, burying irrigation pipe to prevent damage, using UF-IFAS and NRCS-approved methods and soil moisture probes for irrigation scheduling, and using conservation tillage and cover crops to increase soil health and soil water holding capacity.

**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 aquifer 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)]**