

CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT - PROPOSED REVISIONS

Page 10.7, 10.8, and 10.11, WATER RESOURCES GOALS (WR)

Policy WR 1.7 Agricultural operations

Groundwater management strategies will give priority to agricultural operations. Protect agricultural water supplies from competition by incompatible development through land use controls. In groundwater basins certified at LOS II or III for water supply, establish groundwater management strategies (including adjudications) that consider all groundwater use.

Implementation Strategy WR 1.7.1 Protect agricultural water supplies

Consider adopting land use standards, such as growth management ordinance limits, water offset programs for proposed development, larger minimum parcel sizes in certain rural areas, and merger of substandard rural parcels, in order to protect agricultural water supplies from competing land uses.

Policy WR 1.14 Avoid net increase in water use

Avoid a net increase in water use in groundwater basins that are certified at Level of Severity II or III for water supply. In addition, place limitations on further land divisions in these areas and establish and implement water offset programs for all groundwater users until plans are in place and funded to ensure that the safe yield will not be exceeded.