



2012 Legislative Priorities

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The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) is a multi-purpose regional entity representing Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties since 1973. The SWFRPC consists of 34 elected officials from local jurisdictions, gubernatorial appointees, and representatives of state agencies, school and water districts.

The SWFRPC supports legislative actions consistent with our mission to *plan, protect and improve the physical, economic and social environments for the benefit of future generations.*

The SWFRPC opposes actions inconsistent with *effectively implementing the SWFRPC Strategic Regional Policy Plan.*

Key policy priorities for 2012:

1. Support the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's initiatives to promote and sustain regional economic development

- Collaborate with state to implement the Six Pillars of Southwest Florida's Economy; and
- Initiate cooperative SWFRPC/state streamlining of the growth management process.

Senate Bill 206/HB 355 – support

Senate Bill 602 - support

Senate Bill 640 – support

Senate Bill 1432 HB 781 – support

House Bill 7081 – support

Senate Bill 842 – oppose

Senate Bill 1180 / House Bill 979 - oppose

Senate Bill 1362 / House Bill 1103 – oppose

2. Support implementing a state comprehensive renewable energy action plan

- Promote long-term economic security through increased conservation, energy efficiency of land use and transportation, and renewable energy production;
- Establish a renewable energy portfolio standard, feed-in tariffs and net metering;
- Encourage market incentives for sustainable energy sources such as solar and bio-fuels, and electric vehicles for transportation services;
- Facilitate distributed residential and commercial renewable power generation; and
- Retain current State and Federal bans on offshore drilling for oil and gas.

Senate Bill 696/HB 661 – support

Senate Bill 1106/HB 779 – support

Senate Bill 2094/HB 7117 – support

3. Oppose unfunded mandates and pre-emption of local authority generally, and specifically regarding fertilizer and stormwater rules.

Senate Bill 820 – support

House Bill 421/SB 604 - oppose