EXHIBIT “A”

I. INTRODUCTION

Decisions made, or policies pursued, by Collier County, FL, may influence decisions made or policies followed by: municipalities within, or adjacent to, Collier County; adjacent counties; the District School Board of Collier County; service delivery agencies; and, the various independent special districts located within, or adjacent to, Collier County. Decisions and policies of these entities may, in turn influence those of Collier County. Throughout its planning process, Collier County pursues coordination with the surrounding jurisdictions and agencies. The Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act of 1985, as amended, requires the inclusion of an element within local government comprehensive plans, that addresses coordination between units of government. This Intergovernmental Coordination Element is in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The Collier County Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE) contains a Goal, Objectives and Policies that deal with the following coordination issues:

- Intergovernmental communications and level of service coordination
- Coordination of land use planning strategies
- Coordination of municipal annexation plans
- Formal and informal coordination mechanisms

The Collier County Intergovernmental Service Delivery Agreement Report, completed in 2004, is an appendix to this Element. This report summarizes Collier County’s interlocal agreements with governmental or quasi-governmental entities that provide services to Collier County residents. The Report summarizes service delivery agreements between Collier County and various providers, with regard to eight (8) service categories:

1) Education
2) Sanitary Sewer
3) Public Safety
4) Solid Waste
5) Drainage
6) Potable Water
7) Parks and Recreation, and
8) Transportation Facilities.

As of January 2005, there are three (3) municipalities within Collier County. These are:

- Everglades City
- City of Marco Island
- City of Naples

Also as of January 2005, Collier County shared borders with the following jurisdictions:

- City of Bonita Springs (in Lee County)
- Lee County
- Hendry County
- Broward County
- Miami-Dade County
- Monroe County

In addition to Federal and State agencies, the following governmental entities have jurisdiction over all, or portions, of Collier County.

The District School Board of Collier County
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Collier County Water-Sewer District
Immokalee Water and Sewer District
Florida Governmental Utility Authority
Port of The Islands Community Improvement District
Collier County Sheriff’s Office
Big Corkscrew Fire and Rescue District
East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District
Golden Gate Fire and Rescue District
Immokalee Fire Control District
Isles of Capri Fire and Rescue District
North Naples Fire Control District
Ochopee Fire Control District
South Florida Water Management District/Big Cypress Basin Board
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Cow Slough Water Control District
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District
Naples/Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Various Community Development Districts
Various Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTU)
Various Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU)

Goal, Objectives and Policies
Intergovernmental Coordination Element

GOAL 1: 

PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND THE USE OF ANY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION MECHANISMS WITH BROWARD, MIAMI-DADE, HENDRY, LEE AND MONROE COUNTIES, CITIES OF BONITA SPRINGS, EVERGLADES, MARCO ISLAND, AND NAPLES, THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF COLLIER COUNTY, THE SCHOOL BOARD OF COLLIER COUNTY, SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, AND ANY OTHER LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL AGENCY OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, AND UTILITY COMPANIES SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT, LEE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, SPRINT/UNITED TELEPHONE, IMMOKALEE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION (MSTU), FLORIDA WATER SERVICES, FLORIDA CITIES WATER COMPANY, FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, MEDIA ONE COMCAST, AND CABLEVISION INDUSTRIES, THAT MAY BE IMPACTED BY COLLIER COUNTY’S LAND, ROAD OR FACILITY PLANNING, TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AND TO ACHIEVE COMPATIBLE AND COORDINATED PLANS.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: 

By the time mandated for the adoption of land development regulations pursuant to Chapter 163.3202, F.S., including any amendments thereto, Collier County (County) shall continue to establish and maintain intergovernmental communication and level of service coordination mechanisms to be used by the County, the Cities of Everglades City, the City of Marco Island, the City of Naples, and the City of Bonita Springs, adjacent Lee County, Hendry County, Broward County, Dade County, Monroe County, counties, the District School Board of Collier County School Board, the State of Florida, and any other entity that provides a service but may not have land use authority.

Policy 1.1.1: 

Collier County will continue to utilize existing coordination mechanisms, e.g., interlocal planning agreements, joint meetings and any other mechanisms described in this Element, which promotes consistent planning activities.
Policy 1.1.2:  [Renumbered, revised text, page 1]

The Collier County Comprehensive Planning Section of the Planning Services Department shall be the designated liaison to disseminate information on proposed Growth Management Plan amendments under review by the County, which have the potential to affect any of the entities listed in Objective 1.1.

Policy 1.1.3:  [Renumbered, revised text, page 1]

The Collier County Comprehensive Planning Section of the Planning Services Department shall continue to prepare and review the Annual Update and Inventory Report (AUIR) as an annual level of service monitoring report for the capital facilities included within the Growth Management Plan. The purpose of this report is to provide the affected entities with the necessary information in order to evaluate and coordinate level of service standards.

Policy 1.1.4:  [Deleted text, page 1]

The Collier County Comprehensive Planning Section of the Planning Services Department shall recommend procedures to be taken if the entity that has maintenance responsibility does not plan for the necessary improvements in a timely manner in order to maintain the County adopted level of service.

Policy 1.1.5.4:  [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

In situations where other public or private entities are providing a facility or service within Collier County for roads, water, sewer, drainage, parks, or solid waste, the County will coordinate its adopted level of service standard(s) within the parameters allowed by the Concurrency Management System of the Capital Improvement Element as part of the County’s Growth Management Plan.

OBJECTIVE 1.2:  [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

The County shall coordinate Collier County’s land use planning strategy, including an assessment of proposed development, with that of other governmental and private entities.

Policy 1.2.1:  [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

Collier County will continue to identify, develop, and pursue areas where intergovernmental land use planning and level of service agreements are needed between the County and respective governmental or private entities.

Policy 1.2.2:  [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

Collier County shall continue to develop these intergovernmental planning agreements, which shall include provisions for review and comment(s) on Collier County land use plans and capital facility plans along jurisdictional lines by neighboring governmental jurisdictions, facility planning for water, sewer, roads, and regarding any proposed activities other public facilities that
may have an impact on other entities such jurisdictions or cause inconsistencies with between their respective comprehensive plans.

Policy 1.2.3: [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

Collier County shall continue to participate in cooperative planning programs with other governmental entities.

Policy 1.2.4: [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

Where appropriate, mutual planning and management programs for natural resources shall be undertaken. This shall include but not be limited to a mutual program for the management of Naples Bay with the City of Naples; a mutual program for the management of certain estuarine areas that fall under the jurisdiction of more than one local entity; a mutual program for management of groundwater resources with Lee and Hendry Counties; and a mutual program for delineation and management of watersheds.

Collier County shall continue to undertake, where appropriate and economically feasible, joint programs with other local governments regarding the planning for, and management of, natural resources that are shared by the County and adjacent governmental jurisdictions.

Policy 1.2.5: [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

The County shall coordinate its plans, programs, regulations and activities for the provision of affordable housing with those of adjacent governments, particularly with the City of Naples.

Policy 1.2.6: [Renumbered text, page 2]

The County shall continue to coordinate with the Collier County School Board on the site selection for new public educational plants and ancillary plants and the provision of infrastructure, particularly roads, to support existing and proposed public educational plants and ancillary plants in accordance with the two Interlocal Agreements adopted in accordance with Sections 163.3177(6)(h) and 163.31777, Florida Statutes, on May 15, 2003 by the Collier County School Board and on May 27, 2003 by the Board of County Commissioners.

Policy 1.2.7: [Renumbered, revised text, page 2]

Adopt, and make part of the County’s Growth Management Plan, the SWFRPC Dispute Resolution, Rule 29I-7, dated April 1994, a voluntary regional dispute process to reconcile differences on planning, growth management, and other issues among local governments, regional agencies and private interest.

Collier County hereby adopts, as part of this Intergovernmental Coordination Element, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council’s Rule 29I-7, Florida Administrative Code, dated April 1994, which establishes a voluntary regional dispute process to reconcile differences on planning, growth management, and other issues among local governments, regional agencies and private interests.
Policy 2.8:  

The County shall coordinate with the South Water Management District and other regulatory agencies in implementing the Growth Management Plan.

OBJECTIVE 1.3:  

The County shall continue to coordinate annexation plans of all incorporated areas in the County.

Collier County shall develop procedures to identify and implement joint planning areas for the purposes of municipal annexation, municipal incorporation and joint infrastructure service areas.

Policy 1.3.1:  

Collier County will identify any proposed annexation areas in the Future Land Use Element and indicate these areas on the Future Land Use Map or map series.

Based upon Section 9J-5.015 (3)(c) 4., Florida Administrative Code, Collier County shall work with the local municipalities to identify and implement joint planning areas and/or joint infrastructure service areas for the purpose of planning for potential future municipal annexation of such areas. The identified joint planning areas and/or joint infrastructure service areas shall be depicted on the County’s Future Land Use Map series.

Policy 3.2:  

Collier County shall develop procedures to plan for potential future municipal incorporation (i.e., the creation of new municipalities) within Collier County. Upon official notification that an incorporation referendum for any portion of the County has been successful, the County will initiate contact with the new municipality for the purpose of establishing an expedient and efficient transition of responsibilities, services, and/or infrastructure to the new municipality.

OBJECTIVE 1.4:  

By January 1, 1999, the County shall complete an evaluation of informal and formal coordination mechanisms between the County, other units of local, regional, state, and federal government and any private entity which provides an essential public service that affects Levels of Service and/or land use planning in the County.

Policy 1.4.1:  

By January 1, 1998, the County shall establish the criteria to be used to complete an update of the evaluation of informal and formal coordination mechanisms between the County, other units of local, regional, state, and federal government, and private entities which provide an essential public service that affects Levels of Service and/or land use planning in the County.
Policy 1.4.2:  

By January 1, 1998, the County shall implement procedures and activities that will improve communications between the County and other units of local, regional, state, and federal government, and private entities which provide an essential public service that affect Level of Service and/or land use planning. These procedures and activities will be based on data derived from the update of the evaluation of informal and formal coordination mechanisms.