



Approach to Subregional Chapters: Master Water Supply Plan

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Subregional Planning Approach

Purpose

Develop and support a clear, outcomes-based process to improve the master water supply plan and its implementation.

Plan in a way that better recognizes differences in local issues and partner with communities to identify issues, objectives, and strategies that fit them.

Outcomes

- High-level regional goals connected to more specific local objectives, guidance and strategies
- Better collaboration, building local resiliency, taking advantage of economies of scale

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Value of subregional planning

Examples:

- The regional plan is more localized: ensures local issues, risks and solutions are included in the master water supply plan; Increases the relevancy of regionally important information to local needs.
- Stronger together: explore collaboration opportunities, building local resiliency, taking advantage of economy of scale.
- Better management of Shared resources

How to use subregional chapters

Potential examples:

- As a resource for communities as they update their own local plans
- As a reference for communities when they are asked to review neighboring plans
- As high-level guidance or input when developing water supply-related incentive or outreach programs
- As a starting point for multi-community analysis of water supply alternatives

Challenges to subregional planning

Examples:

- Bringing together all the different perspectives on issues – who is in the room together? Who is having separate conversations?
- Resources for a facilitator and process that people trust
- Creating a unifying goal and objectives, given people's and organizations' different needs
- Clarifying roles – competition to lead, defining who makes what decisions, who are subject matter experts, etc.
- Limited staff capacity to participate

Proposed Chapter Content

- Introduction: Connection to regional planning
- Subregional water supply setting
- Subregional water supply issues (risks) that are a shared priority
- Subregional mitigation approaches of shared interest
- Recommended strategies for the subregion
- Implementation plan

Input requested

- A. What can communities get out of the subregional planning process? Why should people participate?
- B. How can subregional chapters add the most value to regional and local water supply work?
- C. Who needs to participate, for this to be successful? Why? What should their roles be?
- D. What is your advice for bringing people together to work on this? What key steps are needed for a successful process?
- E. What resources would be useful to support subregional work?
- F. What are we missing?