

2022-2023 Work Plan

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Requested action: Input on 2022 work plan

Metro Area Water Supply Advisory Committee:

- Informs Metropolitan Council's water supply planning activities and preparation of its regional development framework.
- Pools collective expertise to address increasingly complex water problems that require a collaborative approach.

Today's Presentation:

- 1) Context for proposed work plan
- 2) Committee input
- 3) Proposed schedule and topics
- 4) Next steps

2022 Work Plan Goals

At the end of 2022, the committees will produce:

1. Document summarizing how MAWSAC influenced regional plans and projects
2. Draft approach/work to engage subregional water supply work groups in the update of the master water supply plan (MWSP)
3. Shared support for the subregional approach to MWSP update

Using 2022 MAWSAC Report

- Informing conversations about state and regional policy
- Informing budget requests
- Link to report: <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Publications-And-Resources/WATER-SUPPLY-PLANNING/MASTER-WATER-SUPPLY-PLAN-2015/Master-Water-Supply-Plan,-Chapters-1-8.aspx>

Current Planning Framework



Regional Planning Framework (Thrive MSP 2040)

Sets the framework for our region, including land use policy

2040 Water Resources Policy Plan



Provides a framework for integrative water planning (wastewater, water supply, and surface water)

Master Water Supply Plan (2015)



Provides water supply-related considerations for developing regional and local plans and supporting programs

Local Water Supply Plans

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Provides information and identifies local actions for a sustainable water supply

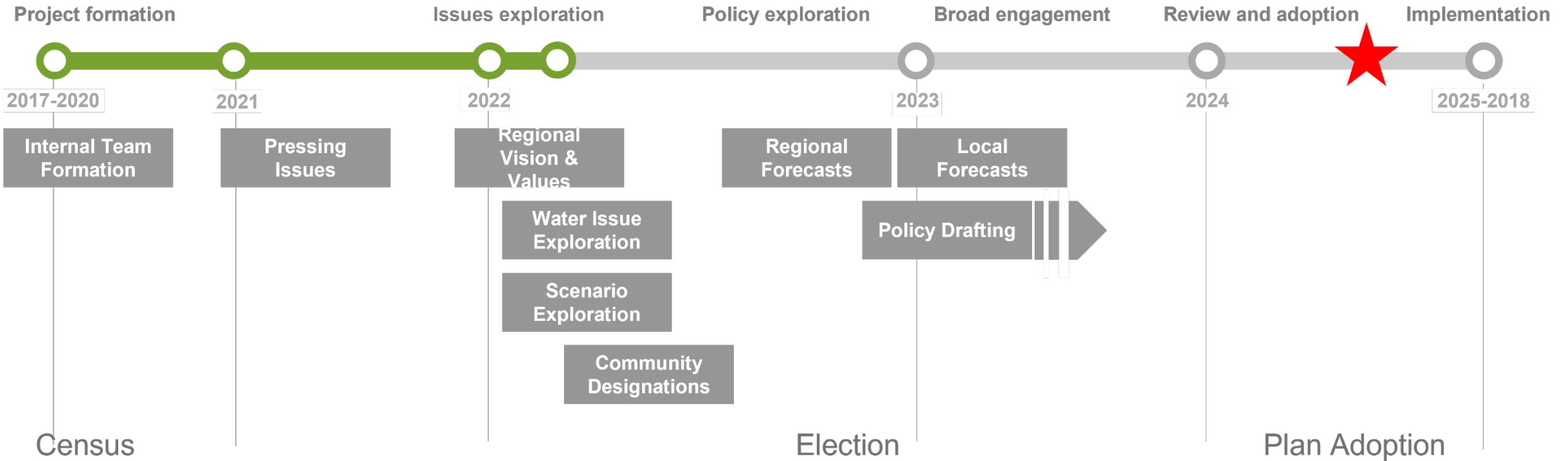
Opportunities to Influence Regional Planning in 2022

Regional Development Guide (RDG)	Water Resources Policy Plan (WRPP)	Master Water Supply Plan (MWSP)	Technical & Outreach Projects
Consult	Involve / Collaborate	Empower (Approve)	Inform / Consult / Involve
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional vision and values • Planning scenarios <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community designations • Forecasts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue exploration to inform policies and strategies • Help clarify regional objectives/outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals and objectives • Contextual information • Subregional approach to implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrogeologic research • Engineering analyses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water efficiency programs

Path toward 2050 Plans

Regional Development Guide, System Plans and Policy Plans

MAWSAC and TAC work:



Input Requested: 2015 Master Water Supply Plan Refresher

<https://metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Publications-And-Resources/WATER-SUPPLY-PLANNING/MASTER-WATER-SUPPLY-PLAN-2015/Master-Water-Supply-Plan,-Chapters-1-8.aspx>

- What sticks out?
- What do you want to see but don't?
- Did we meet the goals from the MWSP? Why or why not?

Input Requested:

Lessons Learned from the 2015 Master Water Supply Plan

- **All:** How have you seen the MWSP used?
- **New members:** What do you want to know more about the process to create the MWSP?
- **Veteran members:** What do you remember most about the process?

Observations on the Master Water Supply Plan

	Current Approach	Suggestions for the Updated Plan
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus is on regional objectives and strategies; less focus on local settings - one size fits all• Communities implement the regional plan locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives and strategies consider differences in local issues• Communities are collaboratively developing and implementing the plan
Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top-down model: Met Council and communities collaborate to develop plan; MAWSAC approves• Communities are engaged, but they did not identify objectives and solutions that fit them	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grassroots model of planning, regional plan developed in partnership with communities• Communities are engaged in identifying issues, objectives, and strategies that fit them
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High-level regional guidance• Not fully collaborative: not achieving local sustainability goals; not taking advantage of opportunities like economies of scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High-level regional goals and specific local objectives, guidance and strategies• Better collaboration, building local resiliency, taking advantage of economies of scale

Water Supply Planning Framework – New?



Regional Planning Framework (2050)

Sets the framework for our region, including land use policy and other cross-divisional issues

2050 Water Resources Policy Plan



Provides a framework for integrative water planning (wastewater, water supply, and surface water)

Master Water Supply Plan (2024)



Provides water supply-related considerations for developing regional, subregional, and local plans and supporting programs

Subregion 1 Chapter

Subregion 2 Chapter

Subregion 3 Chapter

Local Water Supply Plans

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Local Water Supply Plans

Provides subregional context, shared objectives and strategies, and direction for implementation and partnerships

Provides information and identifies local actions for a sustainable water supply

2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule & Topics

Topic	Dates
Work plan kickoff	March 15 (MAWSAC)
Early input on regional policy and plan updates	April 19 (TAC) and May 17 (MAWSAC)
Set direction for building support for and achieving shared goals through a subregional approach	June 21 (TAC) and July 19 (MAWSAC)
Develop approach for achieving shared goals through subregional approach – prepare to engage work groups	August 16 (TAC) and September 20 (MAWSAC)
Collaboration with subregional water supply workgroups	October 18 (TAC) and November 15 (MAWSAC)
Year-end evaluation	December 20 (TAC and MAWSAC)

Input Requested:

- Any changes or additions to proposed work plan topics or process?
- What format and tools help make a meeting effective?
- What should we keep in mind when we design in-person meetings again?

Next Steps

- Work with MAWSAC Chair to revise work plan and design 2022 meetings to support it
- Review and provide input on by-laws, which staff will send out
- Staff will support applications to fill committee vacancies; a sub-committee will be formed to guide process to fill TAC vacancies

Questions

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