Update on Subregional Engagement for the Metro Area Water Supply Plan

Joint Meeting of the Metro Area Water Supply Policy and Technical Advisory Committees | January 9, 2024 | Jen Kader
Goals for today

Topics

- Project purpose and approach
- Progress
- Next steps
Purpose of this effort

Build a shared understanding within each subregion of the following:

- Context and current conditions
- Definition of success
- Issues and barriers
- Strategies to address them
  - Practices
  - Policies
  - Partnerships
- Timeline/sequencing
- Resources needed to sustain effort towards success over time
“Asking a question is a promise to do something with the answer.”

- **Subregional** recommendations
- **Regional** recommendations

Relationships, trust, and a common path forward, leading to action
### Reminder of approach

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<td>• Determine subregion boundaries</td>
<td>• Host core team kick-off</td>
<td>• Develop draft content for subregional chapters based on engagement</td>
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<td>• Harvest themes and information from completed work</td>
<td>• Add to participant list</td>
<td>• Check for completeness and accuracy at MAWSAC/TAC and WAG, with subregional representation</td>
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<td>• Identify internal leads for each subregion and collaboration approach</td>
<td>• Confirm how to host conversations</td>
<td>• Articulate continued collaboration approach</td>
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<td>• Establish core teams for each subregion</td>
<td>• Host broader stakeholder conversations (2-3 in each subregion)</td>
<td><strong>May-June</strong></td>
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Kickoff meetings

What does success look like for the plan itself?

- Shared vision or “line of sight” within subregions
- Actionable, implementable plan – something useful that makes a difference and can attract funding
- Collaboratively developed, with buy-in from all
- Enhanced relationships and trust between communities and with Met Council
- Reflects an integrated water management approach
- Prioritized actions, while still reflecting nuance within subregions
- Adaptive
- Connected to other subregions—not siloed
- Supporting informed decisions from a variety of actors, resulting in system and individual behavior changes
Subregional Workshops

Engagement is happening!

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What challenges and opportunities do our communities want to focus on?

What we've heard so far

- Water reuse
- Aligning growth/land use and water supply planning
- Building trust and shared understanding
- Resources to address water quality concerns
- Addressing surface water-groundwater interaction
- Preparing for the next CEC
- Reducing chloride pollution
- Better vertical and horizontal coordination
- More relevant, actionable data
- Increased support for private well users as managers
- Water balance – more recharge, smarter use of water
- AND MORE!
Next steps for subregional engagement

Upcoming work

• Complete subregional workshops by mid-February
  • Jan 11: West Metro workshop 2
  • Jan 11: Southwest Metro workshop 2
  • Jan 19: Northwest Metro workshop 1
  • Jan 30: West Metro workshop 3
  • Feb 5: Southeast Metro workshop 2
  • Feb 7: Northeast Metro workshop 2
  • Feb 8: Northwest Metro workshop 2
  • (Central workshop 2 TBS)
• Draft subregional chapters of Metro Area Water Supply Plan with input from subregions
• Share relevant subregional input with Council policy writers
• Review draft subregional chapters at a February 29, 2024 workshop of all subregional groups
Thank you!

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