



Three Plans Coordination

Water supply collaboration among DNR, MC and MDH



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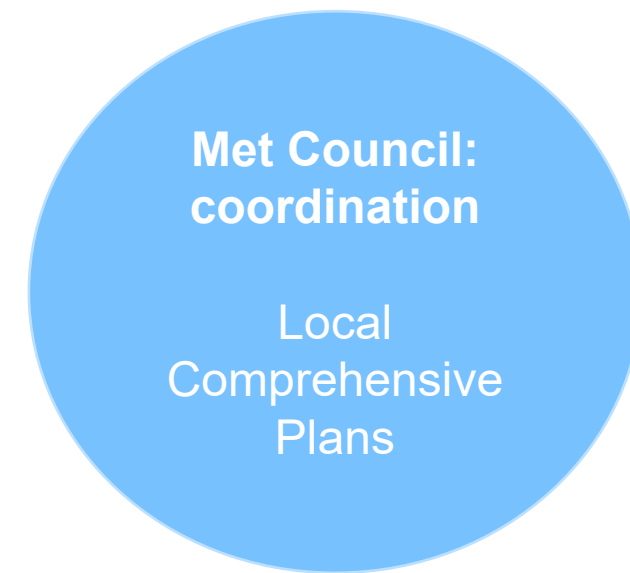
Goals for this presentation



1. Increased understanding about local water supply plans that Water Planning & Policy staff review, and some connections among them
2. Knowing the high-level goals for coordinating those water supply plans (DNR, MC, MDH)
3. Understand what's in and what's outside the scope of this effort
4. Know the status and schedule for the work
5. Explore some of the possible implications of this project on your work, and how your work influences this project

Background

Multiple cooks in the water supply kitchen



Sustainably managed water for local communities

Collaboration members

Steering Team

- Claudia Hochstein, DNR
- Jason Moeckel, DNR
- Sam Paske, MC
- Judy Sventek, MC
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Project purpose

Enhanced agency coordination for water supply

- **Better coordinate and align water supply-related planning efforts:** local comprehensive, wellhead, and local water supply plans
- **Identify gaps, overlaps, and opportunities for improvement**
- **Clarify roles and functions** for each agency and establish a **structure**, to ensure that we are coordinated in our efforts to meet plan goals and agency missions.

This effort is intended to set a clear vision for what the government agencies can do together through their planning responsibilities to support a safe and sustainable water supply—for today and for future generations.

Project approach

High-level work plan

- **What is** (*August – January*):
 - Codify current agency water supply missions, planning requirements,
 - Establish list of internal and external stakeholders, solicit feedback
 - ID overlaps, gaps, key challenges, and opportunities for improvement
- **What could be** (*January – April*):
 - Draft possible solutions/proposed approaches informed by stakeholder input
- **What will be** (*April – June*):
 - Determine final adjustments
 - Develop shared guidance, tools to support coordination of planning efforts (internal and external)
- Overall project timeline: August 2023 – June 2024

What we've accomplished to date



“What is”

- Foundational work
 - Determination of what success looks like
 - Articulation of agency and plan purposes
 - Isolation of existing plan elements
 - Exploration of case studies to begin to ID gaps
- Stakeholder engagement
 - Stakeholder ID
 - Process design
 - Beginning engagement
 - Intending to finish engagement in early January to complete “What is” phase

From there...

“What could be” and “what will be”

- **What could be** (*January – April*):
 - Draft possible solutions/proposed approaches informed by stakeholder input
 - Solicit feedback to prioritize proposed solutions, identify support needs
 - February 29, 2023 Subregional Engagement Workshop
- **What will be** (*April – June*):
 - Determine final adjustments with Steering Team
 - Complete in April to ensure integration with WPP
 - Develop shared guidance, tools to support coordination of planning efforts (internal and external)

Thank you

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