

Role of Master Water Supply Plan

Metropolitan Water Supply Advisory Committee

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Metropolitan Water Planning Process



Master Plan Requirements

- Provide guidance for local and regional investments
- Emphasize conservation, cooperation, and sustainability
- Address reliability, security, and cost effectiveness
- Recommend clarification of roles/responsibilities for local, regional, and state government
- Recommend streamlining and consolidation of decision-making and approval processes
- Recommend funding mechanism for metropolitan planning and capital investments

Master Plan Legislative Requirements

- Prepared in cooperation with and subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Natural Resources
- The Council must carry out planning activities in this subdivision in consultation with MAWSAC
- The Council must submit reports to the legislature regarding its findings, recommendations, and continued planning activities

Local Water Supply Plan Requirements

- Must address projected demand, adequacy of system, existing and future water sources, natural resource impact or limitations, water conservation
- Must be submitted as part of community comprehensive plan
- Must be consistent with Master Water Supply Plan
- Must be approved by Department of Natural Resources