Group Exercise: Mural (digital workspace for visual collaboration)

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Introduction to Mural

This is one of many digital workspaces for visual collaboration, like an online ‘whiteboard’.

Mural tutorial videos are online. Search "learning the basics of MURAL - YouTube playlist"
Mural introduction

Support for problem statement and goal
Consider the proposed problem statement and goal, and share your 'gut reaction' on a scale from 1 (like it) to 10 (no-block).

There is always the potential of another contaminant emerging in our water supply. As a region, we are not always proactive or best prepared to prevent spread or be responsive when new sources of contamination are discovered. In this context, “framework” is defined as the ideas, information, and principles that form the structure of a plan or process.

MAWSAC and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would like all the region to support, be prepared for new, emerging contaminants and empowered to continually work on improving our water supply. The MAWSAC, under advisement of the TAC, recommends that, to support the Metropolitan Council and the State of Minnesota support a framework to make the integrated water approaches developed collaboratively by communities, work.

What would make you change? What would you change, if anything, to support the framework?

a. What are the current challenges with this topic?
b. How would you like things to be? What is your vision?
c. What happens or what opportunities do we miss if we don’t change?

What ideas that your colleagues shared do you want to highlight? (Vote)
Support for problem statement and goal

On a scale from 8 (like it) to 1 (block it), how strong is your support?

Problem or need
Planning for water supply sustainability comes down to understanding water budgets: the amount of water moving through the regional water system; how water flow affects contaminant migration, including between ground and surface waters; how water can be used or reused without doing damage to connected resources; and how different conditions affect limits.

Goal
The TAC, serving at the pleasure of the MAWSAC, recommends that the MAWSAC, with the Metropolitan Council and the State of Minnesota, promote actions to further understand how ground water and surface water interact and how those interactions impact the sustainability of water supply systems and resources. Ongoing support for collaborative management strategies, research, and monitoring is needed to better understand these interactions and impacts.
What would make your support stronger?

1) Share suggestions to strengthen the problem statement or goal. What would you change, if anything, to support it more strongly?

2) What ideas did your colleagues share that you would like to highlight?
Prioritizing solutions

Review the actions on pages 2-3 of the memo.

a) Is anything missing?

b) What would make the biggest or long-term impact?

c) What is easiest to implement?
Leading the way

Consider an action that could start now.

• Is there an example of an existing effort that could be used as a model or be expanded on?

• Who would be a good leader for work in the area? Who are critical partners?

• What expectation do you have of these efforts and/or leaders?
Questions

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