Approach to Subregional Chapters:
Master Water Supply Plan
Metropolitan Area Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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Subregional Planning Approach

Purpose
Develop and support a clear, outcomes-based process to improve the master water supply plan and its implementation.
Plan in a way that better recognizes differences in local issues and partner with communities to identify issues, objectives, and strategies that fit them.

Outcomes
• High-level regional goals connected to more specific local objectives, guidance and strategies
• Better collaboration, building local resiliency, taking advantage of economies of scale

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Value of subregional planning

Examples:

• The regional plan is more localized: ensures local issues, risks and solutions are included in the master water supply plan; Increases the relevancy of regionally important information to local needs.

• Stronger together: explore collaboration opportunities, building local resiliency, taking advantage of economy of scale.

• Better management of shared resources
How to use subregional chapters

Potential examples:

• As a resource for communities as they update their own local plans
• As a reference for communities when they are asked to review neighboring plans
• As high-level guidance or input when developing water supply-related incentive our outreach programs
• As a starting point for multi-community analysis of water supply alternatives
Challenges to subregional planning

Examples:

• Bringing together all the different perspectives on issues – who is in the room together? Who is having separate conversations?

• Resources for a facilitator and process that people trust

• Creating a unifying goal and objectives, given people’s and organizations’ different needs

• Clarifying roles – competition to lead, defining who makes what decisions, who are subject matter experts, etc.

• Limited staff capacity to participate
Proposed Chapter Content

• Introduction: Connection to regional planning
• Subregional water supply setting
• Subregional water supply issues (risks) that are a shared priority
• Subregional mitigation approaches of shared interest
• Recommended strategies for the subregion
• Implementation plan
Input requested

A. What can communities get out of the subregional planning process? Why should people participate?

B. How can subregional chapters add the most value to regional and local water supply work?

C. Who needs to participate, for this to be successful? Why? What should their roles be?

D. What is your advice for bringing people together to work on this? What key steps are needed for a successful process?

E. What resources would be useful to support subregional work?

F. What are we missing?