

Saving Water Partnership The Conservation Conversation

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4 Steps to Regional WUE Requirement

Today --

Step 1: Review **WUE Objectives** from 9/1 “dot exercise”
(WHY)

Step 2: Discuss **WUE Program Approach** for 2013-2018
(WHAT)

Next --

Step 3: Set **WUE Goal** (METRIC)

Step 4: Include in your Water System Plan

Step 1: WUE Objectives (WHY)

- Ensure core capacity is available to deliver conservation programs that prepare the utility to be resilient for curtailment events and future supply challenges from climate change, as well as help customers use water wisely
- Preserve customers' ethic of conservation as one element of stewarding our water resources and the environment
- Meet regulatory and contractual requirements

Step 2: Program Approach (WHAT)

WA DOH Requirements

1. Define program approach in WSP
2. Include education for customers
3. Evaluate or implement multiple conservation approaches (measures)
4. Define implementation schedule

- Regional programs allowed with services across geographic areas and consistency

Regional Program

1. Consistent program offered throughout region
2. Okay to target programs to specific customers
3. Individual utility accounting not required

Step 2: cont.

Direction from OB

1. Reduce mgd targets from 1⁰% Program levels
2. Program funding should not exceed Wholesale or SPU retail rates + FC through 2014
3. Survey customers
4. Increase community and youth education
5. Link education to fish and broader environment
6. Meet regulatory requirements
7. Maintain core capacity (expertise + partnerships)
 - ❖ regulatory compliance
 - ❖ youth and community education
 - ❖ leak prevention
 - ❖ landscape education
 - ❖ indoor residential
 - ❖ irrigation systems
 - ❖ commercial and multi-family buildings
8. Preserve customer ethic of conservation and trust in utility

Step 3: WUE Goal (METRIC)

WA DOH Goal Requirements

1. Evaluate and re-establish every 6-years
2. Set a measureable Goal with timeframe
3. Formally adopt
4. Report annually on Goal progress and program

SWP Considerations

1. Easy to understand, track and report
2. Consider metrics other than mgd savings for 6-years
3. Maintain regional focus
4. Anticipate changing conditions

