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Be Heard! Simple Steps to get involved in Arkansas's Water Plan Update

One of the most common questions we get during public meetings is, "How can I find out more about the Plan and get involved in its development?" Here are several ways to be a part of the update:

1. Visit the website. Stay aware of the progress by frequently checking the website and reading the newsletters at arwaterplan.arkansas.gov. You can sign up to get newsletters by email. You can also review the data sources and calculations used to determine "demands" and "supplies" that are included in the workgroup meeting materials on the website <http://www.arwaterplan.arkansas.gov/resources.html>.

We encourage you to comment on any of the data that you believe are inadequate, have possible errors, or are right on track.

2. Provide input and information on your areas of expertise or interest that have not been completely or specifically addressed in meetings and reports. Meeting minutes and agendas (on the website) will inform you of previous and upcoming discussions. If there are items that you think should get more attention, please contact Edward Swaim at the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, (501) 682-3979, or e-mail comments to arkansaswater@cdmsmith.com. You can also attend workgroup, subgroup, and public information meetings and encourage your friends to do the same. Information

on the meetings can be found on the website or call the number listed below.

3. Keep others informed about the Water Plan, including your business contacts, local government officials, and legislators. Help them understand it is a very important issue to you and the entire state. This will pay off in the long run to influence policies and projects that may come from the Plan—whether you support them or oppose them.

4. Get involved during the fall 2013 to fall 2014 period when we compare demand and supply to identify gaps, then work to find solutions that may range from specific projects, better monitoring and science, to policy changes and more money for infrastructure.

Facts about Arkansas's water...

It is estimated that an average of 280 billion gallons of water flow through Arkansas' rivers and streams every day.

Arkansas's average annual precipitation in Arkansas is 49.2 inches.

Mammoth Spring, in Fulton County, has a maximum flow of 9 million gallons per hour, into the Spring River.

There are 12 major aquifers used for water supply in Arkansas.



Comments are welcome!
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