



Comprehensive Update of the Arkansas Water Plan

East Region Issues and Recommendations Workgroup

February 18, 2014



Welcome

Meeting Purposes:

1. Describe gaps between supply and demand in the East Region
2. Discuss the Consolidated List of Water Issues
3. Select the 5 (Max) highest priority water issues in your sector
4. Select the highest priority regional water issues, by category
5. Describe the next steps and next meeting.

Workgroup Process

- **Ground Rules**

- **Be prepared when arrive**
- **Request acknowledgement before speaking**
- **One speaker at a time**
- **Don't interrupt**
- **Respect each others thinking/value their contributions**

Workgroup Process

- **Ground Rules (Continued)**
 - Listen for understanding
 - Ok to disagree – respectfully, openly
 - No side conversations
 - Stay on schedule
 - Silence is agreement
- **Cell Phones off/on vibrate**

Gap Analysis East Region

Questions?

East Region Priority Water Issues

Today's Meeting Process

- 1. Identify the top 5 (Max) regional priority water issues in your sector (1 hr)**
- 2. Present these to the assembled group (15 min)**
- 3. Reconvene in your sectors and decide on the highest regional priority issues, by category (1 hr)**

Today's Meeting Process (Continued)

4. **Spokespersons – vote on the 10 highest priority issues (10 minutes – By 4:10)**
5. **Describe next steps, date and location of the next Regional meeting (10 minutes)**

Today's Meeting

- **Combined Sectors:**

- Ag – Irrigation + Livestock/Poultry
- F&W + Recreation
- Thermoelectric + Industry
- Public Water/Wastewater Providers
- Municipal/County Governments
- Navigation
- Conservation Districts

- **Identify top 5 priority water issues**

Questions?

Sector Discussion Locations

- **Agriculture – Breakout Room**
- **F&W + Recreation – Table 1**
- **Thermoelectric + Industry – Table 2**
- **Public Water/Wastewater – Table 3**
- **Municipal/County Gov't – Table 4**
- **Navigation – Table 5**
- **Conservation Districts – Table 6**

Return for Report Out At 2:50

Report Out

Report Out – List Top 5 (Max) Water Issues

- **Ag – Irrigation + Livestock/Poultry**
- **F&W + Recreation**
- **Thermoelectric + Industry**
- **Public Water/Wastewater Providers**
- **Municipal/County governments**
- **Navigation**
- **Conservation Districts**

Comments Questions on Priority Issues?

Reconvene in Sectors

- **Decide on the highest regional priority water issue in each category**
- **If no consensus, record which are majority issues and which issues are minority**

Begin voting at 3:50 – Top priority issues, by category

(Complete by 4:10)

Vote: Top Regional Priority Water Issue, by Category

Next Steps

- Summarize Today's meeting and priority issues
- Distribute to each member for review and use in eliciting recommendations from their peers
- Review preliminary list of recommendations, accompanying meeting summary.
 - Consider incentives and funding for these recommendations
- Discuss recommendations at March Regional Meeting

**Informational Meeting
Tonight
6:00 to 7:30 pm
Your Attendance Not
Required**

March Regional Meeting

- **Stuttgart – Grand Prairie Center, Phillips Community College**
- **March 17th 1:00 to 4:30**
(Optional Morning Meeting – If needed)
- **Topic: Recommendations to Address East Region Priority Water Issues**
 - **Recommended Actions**
 - **Incentives and Funding Options**

Next Steps (Continued)

- **Statewide Meeting in April to discuss and prioritize recommendations**
- **Prepare Draft Executive Summary in May**
- **Conduct public meetings throughout the State in summer, early fall to discuss the Draft Plan**
- **Finalize the Arkansas Water Plan and submit to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission in November**

Information and Your Input

- Email additional comments, issues, concerns

**Spokespersons or
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- Arkansas Water Plan Website

www.arwaterplan.arkansas.gov

➤ **Website Addresses in Your Folders**

Final Questions?

Thank You