



The Next Cycle of 10-Year Water Supply Plans

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What are water supply plans?

Per 103G.291, public water suppliers serving >1,000 people must submit a plan addressing:

- Projected demands
- Adequacy of the water supply system and planned improvements
- Existing and future water sources
- Natural resource impacts or limitations
- Emergency preparedness
- Water Conservation
- Supply and demand reduction measures
- Allocation priorities consistent with 103G.261

- Metropolitan council system statements come out in September 2025
- DNR will begin notifying communities of due dates and provide a form
- Plans will be due in 2026, 2027, or 2028

- Potentially grouped regionally for due dates and combined groundwater review to catch cumulative effects
- Currently exploring options for smoother submittals using PowerPlatforms
 - Potential for pre-filling information
- Correcting questions that lacked 1:1 relationships

Table example

Local Water Supply Plan Template –September 30 2015

Objective	Triggers	Actions
	water quality	washing facility, etc..
Short-term demand reduction (less than 1 year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extremely high seasonal water demand (more than double winter demand) <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of treatment capacity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of water in storage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State drought plan <input type="checkbox"/> Well interference <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enforce the critical water deficiency ordinance to restrict or prohibit lawn watering, vehicle washing, golf course and park irrigation & other nonessential uses. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supply augmentation through interconnect <input type="checkbox"/> Water allocation through _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with large water users to discuss user's contingency plan.
Long-term demand reduction (>1 year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Per capita demand increase by 20% over 5 year average <input type="checkbox"/> Total demand increase (higher population or more industry)Water level in well(s) below elevation of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop a critical water deficiency ordinance that is or can be quickly adopted to penalize lawn watering, vehicle washing, golf course and park irrigation & other nonessential uses. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enact a water waste ordinance that targets overwatering (causing water to flow off the landscape into streets, parking lots, or similar), watering impervious surfaces (streets, driveways or other hardscape areas), and negligence of known leaks, breaks, or malfunctions. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with large water users to discuss user's contingency plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced monitoring and reporting: audits, meters, billing, etc.
Governor's "Critical Water Deficiency Order" declared	Executive Order by Governor and as provided in above triggers. All of the above triggers	Providing water as per water use priorities set by the City

How to prepare?

Review:

- Previous plan
- Current permit
- Permit monitoring requirements
 - Ensure you've been submitting required data in MPARS
 - Contact Region3SWaterData.dnr@state.mn.us if you need clarification or help getting started

Questions?

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