



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Water Resources Board

235 Promenade Street, Suite 394

Providence, RI 02908

(401) 222-1450 • FAX: (401) 222-1454

Priorities & Strategic Business Plan: Timeframe FY10 – FY11

HIGH PRIORITIES

- Big River Well Development Project
 - Expected Outcome:
 - Continue to pursue alternate funding sources for design phase
 - Continue to coordinate with water suppliers to provide alternate water supply for the State of RI
- Water Management (Allocation)
 - Interim statewide allocation program
 - Expected Outcome:
 - Define the components of the program-data, surface and groundwater safe yield, fair and equitable allocation among uses and users
 - Establish Regional Water Management Areas
 - Coordinate with State agencies and EPA to align goals and objectives
 - Incorporate allocation principles into the WSSMP rules, including annual updates
 - Consider local and statewide watering policies and their effectiveness
 - Consider withdrawal management coordination
 - Consider pumping and conservation strategies for summer, shortages and emergencies
 - Define Water Use Efficiency & Conservation Program (via Allocation and WSSMP, if not through legislation)
 - New Source Approval Regulation and Coordination
 - Proceed with legal review from AG's office and hold public meetings to comply with Administrative Procedures Act.
 - Concentrate WRB staff resources to address issues in the HAP and Chipuxet Basins
 - Incorporate USGS studies and data
- Water System Supply Management Plans (WSSMPs) & Water Use Reporting
 - Expected Outcome:
 - Complete Current Five-Year Cycle of Plan Submittals: FY10
 - Continue Annual Water Usage Reporting Program
 - Outreach with suppliers and revision of rules and regulations to support water allocation program, supplemental study and streamline plan requirements in light of annual reporting
- Stake Holder Communication and outreach
 - Annual report for CY 2008 State of the State's Water Supply
 - Expected Outcome
 - Inform Local, State, and Federal representatives of the success stories of the WRB its partners.
 - WRB Program Sustainability
 - Expected Outcome:

- Produce legislation that protects the intent of the WRB Corporate (regarding operational flexibility for water systems).
- Pursue Federal and other alternate funding programs to enhance and sustain current and future WRB programs.
- Continue to involve EPA, State and Federal legislators and other water resource stakeholders to support the WRB mission

MEDIUM PRIORITIES

- Emergency Interconnections
 - Expected Outcomes:
 - Coordinate/Prioritize Projects Regarding Supplemental Projects:

- Statewide Water Planning Updates
 - Expected Outcome
 - Coordinate with SPP to consolidate State guide plan elements and incorporate WRB program goals and policies.

- Bristol County Water Authority Projects
 - Expected Outcome:
 - Pipeline Improvements: Continue to coordinate with BCWA to secure final approvals from MA Towns for street permits
 - Treatment Plant Improvements: Continue to coordinate with consultants and BCWA staff to determine most efficient and effective upgrades. Subsequent coordination will include presentation of final (preferred) alternatives to WRB and RIDOA (for funding verification) before construction bids are advertised.
 - Evaluate legislation and establish a reasonable sunset date

- South County Well Sites Acquisitions
 - Expected Outcome:
 - Continued coordination of the existing property acquisitions in Richmond
 - Solicit WRB approval for preliminary approval to negotiate (through the SPC)
 - Begin preliminary negotiations and first round of due diligence during winter of 2009/2010

LOW PRIORITIES

- Supplemental Water Projects
 - Expected Outcome:
 - Coordinate recommendations of study with existing programs (allocation, interconnections).
 - Consider implementation of specific Statewide and Regional Water Projects for future GO Bond

- BRMA Land Use Management Plan
 - Expected Outcomes
 - Consider updates to our Management Plan that reflect reduction of statewide staff and reasonable and responsible usage of the area.