

## **PRIORITY USES RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Preference, but not exclusive use, should be given to allocation up to the safe yield or other applicable limit of allocation of the resource according to the following priorities:
  - (a) Direct human consumption or sanitation insofar as necessary for human survival and health;
  - (b) Uses necessary for the survival or health of livestock and to preserve crops or physical plant and equipment from physical damage or loss in so far as it is reasonable to continue such activities in relation to particular water sources; and
  - (c) Other uses in such a manner as to maximize employment and economic benefits within the overall goal of sustainable development as set forth in the comprehensive water plan.Within each preference category, uses are to be preferred that maximize the reasonable use of water.
  
2. Applications to renew a permit (should permits be required) should be evaluated by the same criteria applicable to an original application, except that renewals shall be favored over competing applications for new withdrawals if the public interest is served equally by the competing water uses after giving consideration to the prior investment pursuant to a valid water right in related facilities as a factor in determining the public interest

When the waters available from a particular water source are insufficient to satisfy all lawful demands upon that water source, permits shall be revoked according to the reverse order of priority set for granting of permits and in accord with existing policy and procedures.