#### Rhode Island Water Resources Board

## Water Allocation Program Development: Phase II

### **Reporting Program**

WRB staff implement data recommendations for major suppliers, minor suppliers and self supplied users:

- Outreach to/input from constituencies
- Program development/data management
- Implementation

# Streamflow Partnership

- Develop stream gage network proposal
- Evaluate RIABF
- Develop site specific instream flow protocol

## Implementation Team

Develop watershed based water management framework:

- State mandates
- Local land use
- New withdrawals

May 6, 2004

### **Strategic Planning Session**

Establish/Prioritize focus areas

Local land use

- 3. Education/Outreach (program, general)
- New withdrawals 4. Other
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- Identify "deliverables"/outcomes by December
- Establish tasks/work required for future meetings

Blackstone Water Budget and Management Strategy

Procedure to apply to all watersheds

- 1. June 3, 2004
- 2. July 2004
- 3. August 2004
- 4. September 2004
- 5. October 2004
- 6. November 2004
- 7. December 2004

**Develop Management Framework** 

- 1. Introduce and discuss essential elements of a water budget: compare the Blackstone and Pawcatuck, distribute water use and demand data and form Work Groups to accomplish tasks
  - o Refine list of essential elements
  - Assemble Blackstone information
- 2. Establish criteria/template of essential elements for establishing water budgets
  - Assemble/evaluate necessary information for the Blackstone
  - Include comparisons with other basins
- 3. Review draft Blackstone information-additions/deletions
  - o Organize information by municipality
  - o Develop preliminary list of state/local management options
- 4. Complete municipal and watershed information
  - o Evaluate State Guide Plan, Comprehensive Planning Act, Enabling Acts
- 5. Guidance to Municipalities-lays out state and local roles
  - o Draft report to include funding and education strategy
- 6. Review draft Blackstone Water Budget
  - Municipal input
  - Final draft
- 7. Recommendations and final Blackstone Water Budget Report: A template for Water Management

Water Resources Board Action and Legislation

> January 2005 February 2005 March 2005

#### WRB Action

Acceptance/action on report Legislation/ rules as required Incorporation into budget Coordination with water use reporting data