

Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee

Draft Water Supply Planning Report to the Legislature – Changes

November 13, 2006

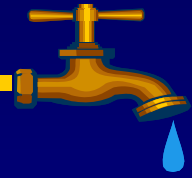


Changes to the Report



- **General editing**
- **Master water supply plan**
- **Water availability versus limitations**
- **Mississippi low flow plan and drought response plan**
- **Support interconnections and backups throughout the region**
- **General support for ongoing analysis**
- **Figures**

Master Water Supply Plan



- Defined the plan (**PAGES 9-10**)
- Added flowchart (**PAGE 11**)
- Described how the master plan fits into the regulatory process (**PAGE 29-30**)
- Added the need to include watersheds and other stakeholders and water rights issues (**PAGE 9**)
- Expressed the need for long-term commitment (**PAGE 9**)

Availability Versus Limitations

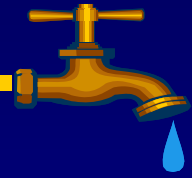


Balanced the tone between water availability and limitations

Examples:

- Master water supply plan flow chart (PAGE 11)
- **Chapter 4** section headings changed from limitations to availability
- “While the region is fortunate to have a relative abundance of available groundwater, productive aquifers are not evenly distributed across the region. Withdrawals may be limited by other factors such as contamination, well interference or impact to surface water features from withdrawals.” (PAGE 18)

Mississippi Low Flow Plan and Drought Response Plan



- **Clarification of the conditions under which releases from the Mississippi River Headwaters Reservoir would occur.
(PAGES 17-18 AND 23)**
- **Review of the drought response plan
(PAGES 18 AND 23)**

Interconnections & Backups



Revised recommendation #2

RECOMMENDATION #2: Support state funding for interconnections and other physical water supply system backups to ensure the reliability, safety and security, including economic security, of the region and state. Consistent with this recommendation, support an appropriate level of state funding for the proposed Minneapolis and St. Paul interconnection.

General Support for Ongoing Analysis



Added:

“There was general agreement among stakeholders, the Advisory Committee and the Council that an ongoing funding source will be necessary to make the current long-term water supply planning effort effective.”

PAGES 5 AND 39

Figures



- **Changed the color of the trout streams in figure 8 (PAGE 20)**
- **Incorporated water supply uncertainties for those communities that rely on the Mississippi River (FIGURE 9, PAGE 22)**