



We work with others to protect the health of the people of Washington State by ensuring safe and reliable drinking water.



**BARRIERS AND INCENTIVES TO WATER
SYSTEM CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
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What is a Capacity Development Strategy?

The approach taken by ODW to ensure that:

- 💧 Every new and existing public water system...
- 💧 Acquires and maintains technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity...
- 💧 To deliver safe, reliable drinking water...
- 💧 And satisfy the aspirations of its community...
- 💧 Now and into the foreseeable future.

Third in a Series

Previously

1. Capacity development strategy introduction
2. Water system issues and goals

Today

3. Barriers and incentives: what **helps** or **hinders** technical, managerial, and financial capacity



DWAG Current and Future Issues

At the September 2021 DWAG

meeting, attendees gathered into breakout groups and identified topics they believed they would be addressing in the next few years. When they came back together the most frequently identified themes were:

1. Continuing pandemic impacts
2. Workforce depletion
3. Emerging contaminants
4. Aging infrastructure
5. Consumer engagement
6. Emergency response
7. Equity, diversity, and inclusion
8. Regionalization and consolidation
9. Water rights

Water Systems Serve Communities

Water systems are affected by decisions by the governments that serve the same communities:

- **Federal** (EPA, Homeland Security, congress, president)
- **State** (ODW, L&I, Ecology, UTC, Commerce, legislature, governor)
- **Local** (local health jurisdictions, counties, cities, towns, public utilities districts, special districts)
- **Other**

Barriers and Incentives

Decisions made by each layer of government can **help** or **hinder** progress:

- Legislation
- Regulations
- Taxes
- Financing
- Institutional

Breakout Rooms

- Please briefly share your experiences with:
 - What **barriers** hinder your ability to grow your system's technical, managerial, and financial capacity?
 - What **incentives** are useful in helping you grow your system's technical, managerial, and financial capacity?

Breakout time. Return at about 10:50.



Report Out

Now is the time for each group to report out their list of barriers and incentives



