

## Fact Sheet

## **Approval Requirement for Water System Plans**

The Department of Health wants to ensure that a water system's governing body, customers, and other interested parties understand how the system will provide water in the future. We also must ensure the governing body understands and agrees with the information in the water system's Water System Plan (WSP).

Before approving a WSP, we verify that the system's governing body has met the following requirements for outreach and governing body approval:

- The water system transmitted its WSP to adjacent utilities and included in the WSP any comments it received.
- The water system provided its WSP to local governments in order to obtain a local government consistency determination.
- Water systems with 1,000 or more connections completed a State Environmental Policy Act review and included the necessary SEPA documentation.
- The water system held an informational meeting for customers, advertised in a manner most appropriate to the system.
- The water system's governing body approved its WSP. For publicly owned systems, this will occur during a public meeting.
- Water systems proposing a new water-use efficiency goal in their WSP conducted a water-use efficiency goal-setting public forum advertised as such. The public forum may be included as a component of the customer informational meeting or governing body approval meeting.

## For More Information

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