

Questions for DPAs

Please answer any applicable questions and let us know if we can share any related information back to assist your own efforts. Please use the prompts below each primary question, as time allows. Let us know if you prefer a phone call. If you have a list of major changes or flow diagram of criteria you use for determining consistency with your plan, we'd appreciate those kinds of resources.

- 1. What were your most important goals for your 208 Areawide Plan update?**
 - a. If your goal included streamlining, what did you find most effective?
 - o User friendly resources?
 - o Alternatives to or Flexibility within the Amendment Process?
 - o Changes to Amendment Process such as reduction in qualifying factors?
 - o Did you merge committee meetings together? Merge public hearings with committee meetings? Change length of public hearing comment period?
 - o Other timeline considerations_____
 - b. How long does your process for review of conformance with your 208 Plan take?
 - o Do you include applicant pre-application time?
 - o Please share your timelines or process diagrams if available.
- 2. Were there any lessons, issues or feedback supplied by public stakeholders during the update?**
 - a. Did you change your approach or make other changes as a result?
 - b. How many meetings were required for this discussion?
- 3. Do you provide application packets, checklists, templates, or forms for your process?**
 - a. Do they vary from the ADEQ resources?
- 4. Did you address varying wastewater facility types with different processes (and fees)?**
 - a. Private vs Public?
 - b. Different sized facilities – What volume thresholds did you consider and why?
 - c. Location within Designated Management Area or crossing county lines
- 5. To what purpose, when or how often do you conduct a Point Source Inventory update?**
 - a. PAG is creating a geodatabase for our inventory, prompting our interest in what the most important field may be to maintain. Do you have your inventories in GIS files?
 - b. How do you inventory and review onsite private or public wastewater treatment facilities with volumes up to 24,000 gallons per day under General Permit?
 - c. Does this play a unique role for your region in encouraging milestones for water quality compliance issues?
- 6. What were your considerations for flow projection ranges?**
 - a. Did you, the DPA, use the same flow rate formulas across the region?
 - b. Did you utilize varying flow rates for different DMAs? If so were these provided by the DMA?
 - c. What usage flow rate standards did you utilize? Different for each development type? Did you factor in number of septic systems?
 - d. Do your population projections include water related constraints to growth such as available water or infrastructure limits? Did you factor in changes population in different seasons?

- e. If you determine consistency on your 208 Plan based on these flow projections, what parameters go into your consistency factors if you allow a range around the projection?
- 7. What level of jurisdictional approval do you require for DMA Amendments, Plan updates or private facility Amendments?**
- DMA contact letter (letter of support)
 - Mayor and Council/ Board of Supervisors letter
 - Committee votes
- 8. How did you address these sections in your DPA?**
- Emerging issues
 - Solid waste management
 - Non-point source pollution
 - Watershed approach
- 9. Do these criteria trigger a process to evaluate conformance in your DPA and/or get tracked by your DPA for inventory updates?** If so, what kind of process/response does the DPA make?
- Facility expanding in volume above amount that was documented in the 208 Plan?
 - Volume capacity below current needs or below the planned amount listed in the 208 Plan?
 - New discharge location?
 - New DMA or DMA boundary changes?
 - Service Area changes?
 - Change in ownership from public/private?
 - Decrease in effluent quality
 - Others?
- 10. Which parts of evaluations of conformance with your 208 Plan are brought to committees or public review?** What points of discussion are considered in resulting recommendations?
- Any of the above criteria in question 9?
 - Impact/Benefit to locally important water bodies, riparian areas
 - Reuse, recharge
 - Economic review of costs to customers or other financial considerations
 - Technical info for the wastewater conveyance system and treatment facility
 - Solids disposal for wastewater treatment
 - Review of a detailed Sewer Service Area Feasibility Study or Specific Plan
 - Guidance on compliance (review of local ordinances, state regulations if needed)
 - Others?
- 11. Would you say any of the following guiding principles are key to your success in the DPA role?**
- Being a regional source to compile water quality issue information in the region
 - Providing opportunities for coordination and cooperation among wastewater providers
 - Providing opportunities that wouldn't otherwise exist for public participation
 - Limiting wastewater systems which may not securely provide long term, quality service
 - Protecting desert rivers and riparian areas or other specific beneficial uses of effluent
 - Integrated planning efforts with wastewater, stormwater, aquifer and potable water planning
 - Other _____