



WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #2

October 4, 2021

Welcome & Introductions of New Members

- Sarah Houston, Executive Director, Protector Our Aquifer
- Natalie Hanson, Executive Director, Middle Tennessee Chapter, National Utility Contractors Association
- Anthony Haynes, Executive Director, Tennessee Municipal League
- Betsy Knotts, Director, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan – Content

- American Rescue Plan Background
- Current State of Water Infrastructure in Tennessee
- Water Infrastructure Investment Plan Priorities
- Funding Approach
 - Administration
 - Disbursement
 - Formula-Based Non-Competitive Grants
 - Allocations
 - Minimum Sub-Recipient Requirements
 - Proposal and Project Requirements
 - State-Initiated Strategic Projects
 - Competitive Grants
- Timelines
- Communication, Education & Outreach

Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan – TDEC Focus Areas for Comments

- System types targeted by non-competitive grants (Section VII)
- Ability for counties to serve as primary sub-recipients that will pass-through funds to municipalities and/or water systems and alternative approaches (Section VII)
- Allocation approach and alternative methodologies (Section VII)
- Match amounts and eligible match sources (Section VII)
- Actions TDEC can take to support sub-recipient planning and identification of projects (Section VII)
- Actions TDEC can take to fully inform interested stakeholders on plans for deploying funds and non-competitive grants in particular (Section VII)
- Current water infrastructure data and information challenges and how a state-led project could alleviate them (Section VIII)
- Project types and eligible sub-recipients that should be emphasized through competitive granting program (Section VIII)

TDEC is receiving comments on all aspects of the plan, but the above represent areas of particular interest

Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan – Comment Submission

TDEC will be accepting written comments on the *Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan* through Friday, October 29, 2021. Written comments may be delivered electronically (preferred) to TDEC.ARP@tn.gov or mailed to the department at

RE: Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan Comments
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 2nd Floor
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243



Discussion & Feedback on Draft Plan

- What are your thoughts based on review to date?

Stakeholder Feedback and Questions to Date & Activities Moving Forward

- Recent engagement activities
- Feedback areas
 - Allocation Methodology
 - Match sources
 - Process and collaboration among counties, municipalities, and water systems
 - Sub-recipient relationships and passing on of compliance requirements
 - Specific project type eligibility
 - Depreciation
 - Supply and engineer shortages
- Planned engagement activities

TN Infrastructure Scorecard Updates

- History of TN Infrastructure Scorecard
- Current revisions
 - Recommend thresholds for action
 - Compliance and enforcement history
 - Risk and resiliency
 - Stormwater
- Use as part of non-competitive grant process
 - Informs system identification of high return on investment process
 - Supports prioritization of identified projects for inclusion in sub-recipient proposals for funding
- TAUD activities and engagement