

Morrow County Water Coordinator

Water Policies and Projects

Water Advisory Committee

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Morrow County Goals



Objectives for Water Coordinator

- Establish County policy and functions to help address the regional water issues and achieve the County's overall water goals

Morrow County Projects & Policies

Preliminary strategy, policies, and actions

- Complement and support ongoing programs and activities by other parties.
- Align with County roles and responsibilities and resources and costs.

WAC and BOC input

- Work sessions with WAC and BOC preliminary strategy and policy

Finalize strategy, policies, and actions

- BOC approval or (formal) adoption and selected implementation by the County

Near- and long-term actions: *water problems may take decades to fix*



DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

- Emergency deliveries
- Long-term supply*
- Source protection



CHARACTERIZATION

- Testing/monitoring
- Target area evaluation*
- Modeling/monitoring



RESOURCE RESTORATION

- Local Action Plans
- Regulatory coordination
- Remediation/treatment



** Involves capital investments (e.g., new wells or water treatment) where federal congressional direct spending and DEQ supplemental environmental project funding may be applied.*

Envisioned Timeline for Actions



Examples from Other Counties

- Water supply-focused
 - Increasing demands
 - Constraints on new supplies
 - Lack of resources (rural)
- Approach:
 - Align with mission and services of other agencies and entities
 - Characterize/inventory and plan resources

County Opportunities

- Resources

- Political, technical, local

- Policies

- Planning (land use), Health
- Domestic well
- Agricultural practices

- Projects

- Lead, facilitate, participate?



**ORGANIZATION/
FACILITATION**



**POLICIES/
REGULATIONS**



**ADVOCACY/
FUNDING**

“Big” policy questions for the Commissioners

- Formal adoption of goals?
- Department-level function?
- Regulatory requirements?
 - Agricultural
 - Domestic well users
- Advocacy position(s)?