

#### Connecticut Department of Public Health's Water Supply Planning

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### Coordinated Water System Plans (CWSP)

- 1. What is it? CT General Statutes Section 25-32d & 25-33h
- 2. Why does it exist?
- 3. How does it operate?
- 4. When convened?
- 5. What is the present status?
- 6. Why is it important?
- 7. What is the future vision/thinking?
- 8. How to accomplish this vision?



# CWSP - What is it? & Why does it exist?

- 1981 Drought
- Water Resources Task Force Report
- Legislature created water supply planning CGS Section 25-32d & Sections 25-33c – 25-33i - 1985
- Regulations
- CGS Section 25-33c Legislative Intent –
  ...adequate supply of potable water is vital,
  readily available water for use is limited and
  should be developed with a minimum of loss
  and waste, DPH administer a process to
  coordinate planning

## Water Utility Coordinating Committee - How does it operate?

- Map
- Organization
- Committee
- Procedures
- Practices
- Plan creation
- Schedule of WUCCs, priority order



### Public Water Supply Management Areas





## WUCC – When were they convened?

- Housatonic WUCC plan completed 1988
- Upper CT River WUCC plan completed 1989
- South Central CT WUCC plan completed 1991
- Southeast WUCC plan completed and approved 2001
- Northeast WUCC not convened
- North West WUCC not convened
- South West WUCC not convened



# WUCC – What is the present status?

- 4 of 7 areas convened, one plan approved
- Revived meetings
- Identification and discussion of issues/concerns
- Renewed interest
- Connection to Certificate process



#### WUCC - Why important?

- Discussion of water supply issues
- Regional planning effort
- Use of plan as a guide
- Certificate process
- Bring together CEOs, LHD, RPOs, Town Planners, and public water systems
- Highlight on regional water supply needs
- Forum to resolve issues locally
- Guide for water system growth and individual water supply plans – set Exclusive Water Service Areas



### WUCC – What is the future vision?

- Continue to actively engage WUCCs
- Continue to work with ESA providers
- Continue to meet
- Outline a method to address plan development for CT's NE, NW and SW regions



#### WUCC - How to move forward?

- Engage staffing resources, identify others
- Identify and update important items
- Continue to meet, discuss and engage stakeholders
- Develop & follow standard procedures



### Need to Complete Statewide Water Supply Planning

- Understand water supply needs and excess capacity
- Plan to meet future supply needs
- Include partners and stakeholders
- Additional focus on water conservation and emergency preparedness