

WPCAG Workgroup Proposal

Topic

Conservation Pricing and Rate Recovery Analysis

Background

This workgroup was proposed as part of a discussion following a report from the Drought Workgroup to Implementation Workgroup in 2019 about water utilities often having to choose between generating revenue and encouraging their customers to conserve water on a daily basis and implementing restrictions during drought. And while some incentives have provided solutions to some water utilities, not all utilities can take advantage incentives for various reasons. Since that time, the Alliance for Water Efficiency conducted a rate setting workshop

Purpose

To provide a report that identifies the various regulatory and operational barriers that prevent various categories of utilities from taking advantage of conservation pricing and setting rates that would stabilize revenues while a year round conservation ethic is encouraged. This report is meant to build on the workshop hosted by the Alliance for Water Efficiency.

Scope

Identify regulatory and operational barriers that prevent all utilities from taking advantage of conservation pricing programs and various rate setting tools. This work will complement the broader topic of drought resiliency and year round conservation work that is being explored in the WUCC implementation process.

Timeline

This a draft product from this workgroup should be available to the WPC for review within 7 months of the formation and initial meeting of the workgroup.

Staff Support

PURA has offered to provide staff support for this workgroup and has already assigned an individual and an alternate.

Workgroup membership

The workgroup is open to all who have an interest in the subject matter but should include various stakeholder groups.

Existing Resources

Report from previous conservation pricing workgroup