Utah’s Regional Water Conservation Goals

25% by 2025 – Previous Statewide Goal

Sound familiar? It should. It was Utah’s previous statewide water conservation goal. Utah’s made significant progress thanks to the waterwise efforts of many Utahns, water managers, and local and state policy leaders, but there is still more to be done — and regional water conservation goals are the next step.

Regional Goals

We’re making history! This is the first time Utah’s water conservation goals have been established on a regional level, an approach which was recommended by the 2015 Legislative Audit, 2017 Follow-up Audit, Third-Party Review and Recommended State Water Strategy. Regional goals are tailored to the nine different regions around the state and take into account climate, elevation, and each region’s unique characteristics and needs. Given Utah’s diverse geography, establishing region-specific goals makes sense.

These goals will help guide the state’s water managers in planning a sustainable future with multi-faceted solutions that includes conservation, infrastructure, policies and programs consistent with Utah’s semiarid climate and growing demand for water.

Public Comment

The state is asking for your input on these newly established regional goals for municipal and industrial (M&I) water conservation. M&I includes residential, commercial, institutional (for example, schools and parks), and industrial water use, and excludes agriculture, mining and power generation.

View the goals and submit online comment at Water.Utah.Gov/regional-conservation-goals. The 30-day comment period is now open through September 25, 2019.

For more information, please email waterwise@utah.gov or call 801-803-0336.