

The General Plan's Water Element

Integrating water considerations into land planning presents a significant opportunity to reduce municipal and industrial water use.

SB 110, passed in 2022, requires most municipalities (Utah Code 10-9a-403) and all counties (Utah Code 17-27a-401) to develop a water use and preservation element that is integrated with the land use planning and development.



Water Use & Preservation Element

The water use and preservation element should include the following:

- Effect of permitted development on water demand and infrastructure.
- Methods for reducing water demand and per capita consumption for future development.
- Methods for reducing water demand and per capita consumption for existing development.
- Opportunities to modify operations to eliminate or reduce conditions that waste water.



The New General Plan

The planning commission will prepare recommendations for a new general plan water element. Plans will evaluate water use and water demand for current and future development projects rather than assume there will be adequate water supply. Considerations may include:



Sustainable Landscaping



Water Budget



Incentive Programs



Water Concurrency Standards



Implementation Deadline

The municipal or county legislative body shall adopt and implement this new integrated water and land use element by **December 31, 2025**.



We Are Here to Help

The Division of Water Resources is tasked with helping and supporting local government to adopt this water use and preservation element. Email CityCountyPlanning@utah.gov.



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