

Goals & Objectives (Draft)

For the District, the **ultimate goal of the integrated management process is to protect existing investments and interests while facilitating economic growth and well-being across the District.** A **goal** is a desired outcome of actions taken in support of achieving the overall purpose of the IMP. An **objective** is an achievable and measurable action taken to attain the desired end result stated in the goal it supports. Goals provide a broad picture of intentions, whereas objectives define more specific ways to achieve these goals. The objectives are then supported by detailed action items that will get the necessary work accomplished. The action items may be regulatory or non-regulatory in nature. Regulatory action items (controls) are legal mandates, whereas non-regulatory action items are voluntary actions on the part of the groundwater user or surface water appropriator. In order to implement the regulatory action items (controls), they must be written as explicit procedures for implementing the control(s), approved by the Board, and then recorded in the District’s Rules and Regulations. Rules and Regulations can be changed with only Board approval and a public hearing. In order to make changes in the IMP, the Department and the Board are required to hold a joint public hearing.

Goals and Objectives	
Goal Area 1. Water Resources Data for Informing Water Management Decisions	
Goal 1: Develop and implement processes to maintain water supply and use inventory based on best available data and analysis.	
Objectives of Goal 1:	1.1 To conduct data collection and analyses of water supplies, utilizing the best available information, data, and science.
	1.2 To conduct studies to identify hydrologically distinct sub-areas within the District for the purposes of integrated management.
	1.3 To continue to monitor district-wide water use and develop and implement monitoring processes for key water uses not currently monitored
	1.4 To project changes to water supplies and uses due to changes in population and land use.
	1.5 To evaluate variations in water supplies and uses due to climate cycles.
	1.6 To monitor changes in water supplies and uses within the District.
Goal Area 2. Minimizing conflict between water users	
Goal 2: Prevent or mitigate water related conflicts between ground and surface water users, as well as conflicts between domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses.	
Objectives of Goal 2:	2.1 To assess the potential impact of new and existing surface water and groundwater uses on existing surface water and groundwater users within the District.
	2.2 To establish rules and regulations regarding transfers, variances, water banking, water leasing, or other actions of water management within the District, if necessary, to enhance equitable water use management, mitigate new uses, or to avoid conflicts.
Goal Area 3. Planning for future growth in water uses and demands	
Goal 3: Develop and implement a water management plan that allows for sustainable future development within the District.	
Objectives of Goal 3:	3.1 To establish procedures for securing water for sustained future growth of domestic, municipal, agricultural, commercial, and industrial water users within the District.
	3.2 To determine allowable levels of sustainable use within the District.
	3.3 To develop approaches to estimate future growth in water uses and demands.
	3.4 To identify available water storage opportunities.
Goal Area 4. Education and conservation	
Goal 4: To develop and communicate education materials describing water resources and water resources planning and management within the District.	
Objectives of Goal 4:	4.1 To develop and disseminate water conservation guidelines for individuals to achieve sustainable water use.
	4.2 To identify cost-share opportunities that may include collaborating with other agencies and other NRDs to implement plan objectives.
	4.3 To encourage participation in information sharing with other organizations and agencies to conserve resources and prevent duplication of work.
	4.4 To expand education programs on general awareness of water supplies and to encourage water conservation measures; provide annual reporting and public information that includes, but is not limited to, activities from previous year, supporting data, education statements and on-going work.