

Briefing Paper

Administrative Overview Comprehensive State Water Plans

State	Implementing Institution	Sub-State Planning Structure(s)	Framework of Plan
Florida	Department of Environmental Protection	6 Water Management Districts (WMD) based on river basin boundaries	Each WMD governing board develops a district water management plan (DWMP) for water resources within its region. Each DWMP, based on a 20-yr planning period, is submitted to the department for approval. The department formulates a State Water Plan including the department's water quality standards, DWMPs, water resource implementation rule, and all other water related activities of the department and the districts.
Hawaii	Commission on Water Resource Management	4 Counties	The plan consists of five parts (water resource protection (WRPP), state water projects, water quality (WQP), and agricultural water use and development) prepared on the state level. The WQP and the WRPP outline regulations, standards, resource availability, and water quality, which provide critical information for the remaining three parts. County water use and development plans are prepared by each of the counties.
Kansas	Kansas Water Authority, Kansas Water Office	12 River Basins	Twelve basin advisory committees provide recommendations on the formulation and implementation of the basin sections to the Water Office, which conducts the state's annual planning process. The state water plan is submitted to the governor and the legislature for approval.
Missouri	Department of Natural Resources	6 Regions corresponding to the Dept.'s Division of Environmental Quality Regional Offices	DNR must submit a report specifying major components of the water plan to the general assembly at least one year prior to the submission of the state water plan. DNR must also establish an interagency task force consisting of any and all departments and agencies, including the University of MO, necessary to effectuate the purposes of the plan. The interagency task force is to meet at least semiannually, and the DNR is to act as the lead agency.

Montana	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	River Basins	<p>The planning process is implemented in five phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. issue identification and selection; 2. issue analysis; 3. public review and comment; 4. plan section adoption and approval; and 5. plan implementation and evaluation. <p>The plan is developed in sections that address specific water management issues. The sections are called management sections when they focus on statewide issues and basin sections when they address basin specific issues.</p>
Nevada	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Planning	None	<p>The Division of Water Planning develops the state water plan, which is submitted to the Advisory Board on Water Resource Planning. The board reviews the draft plan and makes recommendations on content and findings. The division then submits the plan and the board's recommendations to the state legislature, which must approve the plan before it can be implemented.</p>
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Water Resources Board	8 Planning Regions with defined characteristics (climate, geography, hydrology, economics, demography) and unique water resources and needs	<p>The Water Resources Board prepares and submits a final comprehensive water plan to the legislature. No part of the plan may be implemented without the authorization of the legislature.</p>
Utah	Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources	River Basins	<p>The division writes the draft plan and submits it to a state coordinating committee made up of 11 water-related state agencies for review. The revised plan is then reviewed by local advisory groups that represent various stakeholders, followed by a period for public comment. In addition to the state plan, basin plans are drawn up by basin planning advisory groups that provide information about existing water resources, assess future needs and determine water-related issues as well as recommend how and by whom they can be resolved.</p>