

## **Vision Statements State Water Plans**

# Briefing Paper

### **Arkansas**

The vision for Arkansas is that every individual in the State will have all of the water they need for any beneficial purpose. (Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Arkansas Water Plan, 1990)

### **Florida**

To ensure the long-term sustainability of Florida's water resources for the benefit of the state's economy, natural systems and quality of life. (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Water Policy. Florida Water Plan, 1995)

### **Kansas**

The Kansas Water Plan is used to coordinate management, conservation and development of the water resources of the state. (The Kansas Water Office. Kansas Water Plan, 2000)

### **Louisiana**

Louisiana is a recognized leader in the protection of the environment, natural resources, health and the quality of life. A spirit of cooperation and trust exists between state government, local government, business, universities, and private citizens in seeking solutions to environmental problems. The healthy, beautiful environment, complementary job opportunities, and unique culture of Louisiana all create an unmatched quality of life. (Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Strategic Plan FY 1998 – 2003, 2000)

### **Minnesota**

To safeguard Minnesota's water resources for the future and to meet current needs, while recognizing water's limits and interconnections, its changing and variable nature. (Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. Minnesota Water Plan 2000, 1999)

### **Montana**

The intent of the State Water Plan is to promote the conservation, development, and beneficial use of the state's water resources to secure maximum economic and social prosperity for Montana's citizens. (Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Strategic Plan, 1998)

**Nevada**

The success of our economic endeavors, the sustainability of our rural communities and the protection of our environment are all dependent on the wise management of the state's water resources. Thus comprehensive, coordinated and continuing water management planning is vital to our state's economic future and quality of life. (Nevada Division of Water Planning. Nevada State Water Plan, 1999)

**North Dakota**

It is the vision of water management for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century that North Dakota will enjoy an adequate supply of quality water. Water resource management will ensure health, safety, and prosperity; and balance the water needs for present and future generations. (North Dakota State Water Commission. State Water Management Plan, 1999)

**Oklahoma**

As part of its broad responsibility to enhance the quality of life and general welfare, the state has the specific obligation to plan for and encourage the use of water and natural resources in a manner that will best serve the many needs of the people of Oklahoma. (Oklahoma Water Resources Board. Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan, 1995)

**South Carolina**

The efficient, equitable, and environmentally responsible management of our water resources. (South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. South Carolina Water Plan, 1998)

**Utah**

Stewardship of Utah's water resources has been one of the primary concerns of citizen leaders throughout the state's history. Within its broad responsibility to enhance the quality of life and general welfare, the state has a more specific obligation to plan and encourage the use of its resources in a manner that will best serve the physical, social, economic and environmental needs of the people. (Utah Division of Water Resources. State Water Plan, 1990)

**Vermont**

We envision a Vermont where people live in harmony with diverse and healthy natural systems; appreciate and enjoy our natural resources; understand the environment; work together responsibly to reduce waste and risks to human health and the environment; and prosper without significant degradation of natural systems. (Department of Environmental Conservation. Strategic Plan for 2001-2005, 2000)