How to Support Water System Partnerships

Determine How Partnerships Could Improve Compliance

Answers to the questions below will help your team identify PWSs that could benefit from partnership activities.

What is the physical condition of the facility?

- Have there been any recent renovations? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Are there concerns about aging infrastructure? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Were any significant deficiencies identified during the last sanitary survey? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is the current service area and where are the existing facilities? If necessary, consult a map that shows the service area, existing/proposed facilities, site plan, etc.

Is there an available asset management plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the supply quantity or quality adequate for demand? Yes ☐ No ☐

- If not, are supply concerns about source quantity or quality? quantity ☐ quality ☐

What is the current level of technical expertise within the PWS?

- What areas of technical skill or expertise should be improved?
- Are there any unique or specific technical capabilities/needs at the PWS (existing or currently lacking)?

What is the PWS's current financial status?

- Does the PWS have any active grants and/or loans, including funding amounts and stipulations?

What are some of the technical, administrative, or political barriers that may exist?

Are there options to contract O&M? Yes ☐ No ☐

- If so, what are those options and has the PWS engaged in any previous activities to contract O&M?

- How could contracting O&M provide the support the PWS is looking for?

Are there other PWSs that might be able to acquire or merge with the PWS? Yes ☐ No ☐

- If so, have any discussions already occurred with these PWSs?

- How will a merger or acquisition provide the support the PWS is looking for?

Has the PWS considered forming a new water system or management group to oversee multiple existing PWSs? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there other PWSs that might be interested in collaborating? Yes ☐ No ☐

- If so, which PWSs might be interested?

- What are the current conditions at these PWSs?

- Have the PWSs or communities worked together on any projects before?

Do franchises or exclusive service areas currently exist in the area? Yes ☐ No ☐

- If so, how might these impact potential partners or applicable partnership options?

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