

Central Iowa Regional Water Workgroup



Identifying and Defining Regional Issues

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Overview of Approach





September 11-13th Summary

- ◆ **Conducting meetings with individual agencies**
- ◆ **Gathered documents and information**
- ◆ **Attended first public meeting**
- ◆ **Documented key issues**



Categories of Issues

Needs

- Things we must address successfully for the regionalization to be viewed as a success.

Wants

- Aspirations for the regional entity that we would like to achieve in addition to meeting the needs.

Obstacles

- Things that should or must be avoided in putting the regional plan in place, or things that represent conflict that must be resolved to attain a need or want.



Prioritizing the Issues

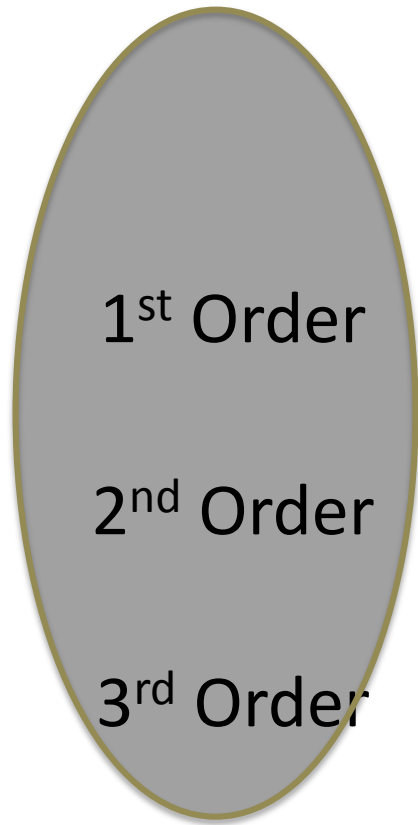
Major topical categories that separate the needs, wants, and obstacles in to key focus areas

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2 nd Order	3 4	3 4	3 4
3 rd Order	5	5	5



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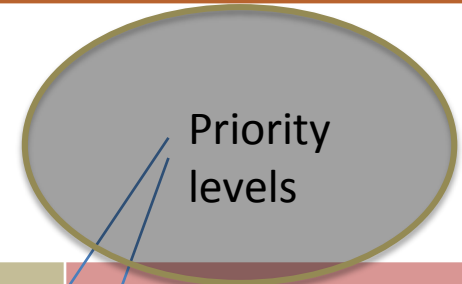
Identifies the issues into “tiers” based on logical progression. 2nd order issues depend on how the 1st order issues are addressed; 3rd order depend on how both 1st and 2nd order issues are addressed, and so forth. 1st order issues are foundational and therefore call for a higher priority.


















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1st Order Issues

Topic Area	Priority 1	Priority 2
Level of Service	Obligation to Serve Right to Serve Meeting Regulatory Req.	Regional asset inventory
Economic	Capitalization of R.E.	Accounting framework
Governance	Authorities of Board 28E vs. 28F	Regional representation



2nd Order Issues

Topic Area	Priority 3	Priority 4
Level of Service	Operational authority Authority for plans/specs	Measuring demand Preservation of staff
Economic	Rate setting framework Settlements process	Cost of over-use
Governance	N/A	N/A



3rd Order Issues

Topic Area	Priority 5
Level of Service	Operating agency Organizational chart
Economic	Proof of improved cost efficiency Proof of improved cost control
Governance	N/A



Issue Tracking System

