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1. PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance to Seattle Public Utilities regarding the process and criteria for selecting new resources so as to plan for future water supply and meet future customer demand.

2. POLICY

In planning to meet future customer demand, select new sources of supply from all viable options, including conservation programs, improvements to system efficiencies, use of reclaimed water, and conventional supply sources, based on triple-bottom-line analysis.

- A. Consider conservation programs, pricing, and system efficiency improvements as a way to meet future supply needs in addition to what may be implemented to meet other objectives such as meeting legal requirements, environmental stewardship goals, and customer service expectations.
 - 1) Meet or exceed state requirements for conservation programs and avoid lost opportunities.
 - 2) Evaluate conservation programs using the same method as evaluating other sources of water, where environmental and social benefits are included in the triple-bottom-line analysis.
- B. Seek opportunities for regional efficiencies.
- C. Explore reclaimed water projects and evaluate them based on triple-bottom-line analysis in comparison to other source options.
- D. Assess new supply options using source selection criteria approved by the Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board.
- E. Select new water supply resources with meaningful public participation.