

Water and Growth Committee Charter | 8 July 2026

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Discussion Guide for Charter Development

This document is intended to facilitate refinement and decision-making at the Committee's initial meeting regarding the existing scope, purpose, and potential areas of focus for the Water & Growth Standing Committee. The Committee will use these questions and topics to guide discussion, identify areas for further consideration, and refine its charter and work program. These questions do not represent Committee findings, policy positions, or final charter language.

Edited committee purpose (original: 5-20-2026): The purpose of the Water & Growth Standing Committee (“Committee”) is to provide a forum for the review, discussion, and development of recommendations regarding potential impacts and changing service demands created by contemplated growth and development on the District’s water, wastewater, sewer, and infrastructure resources, operations, and infrastructure. Such review may include not only additional demands on existing infrastructure, but also impacts on existing and future ratepayers in the context of changing environmental, regulatory, and water supply conditions.

The Committee is intended to support informed Board deliberation by improving the District’s understanding of potential infrastructure and service demands created by future County development activity and planning efforts. This would include an evaluation of cumulative impacts on water supply, infrastructure, operations, and ratepayers, and a consideration of policies that promote long-term water reliability and operational resiliency in response to future planned growth.

Discovery Questions to Refine Charter

Growth & Development Framing

1. Who is evaluating the **cumulative impacts of development** on the District’s services and infrastructure?
2. Who is coordinating land-use planning with **long-term** water infrastructure planning? How to gain that insight for planning and future coordination?
3. Who is looking at the **entire development pipeline** rather than individual projects as to their impacts on District’s services and infrastructure?
4. What policies and/or infrastructure are needed to address **high-demand development** projects, including industrial, technology, resort, and other intensive water-use developments?

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5. What policies are needed **to ensure** that growth-related **infrastructure** and water supply impacts are identified, evaluated, and appropriately funded in the near- and long-term?
6. How are we assuring ratepayers that growth-related costs are fully identified, and borne by growth rather than existing customers?
7. How can the District offer the community visibility to any **proximal relationships** between current infrastructure improvements and planned developments?

Wastewater & Sewer Planning Framing

1. What information, assumptions, and risk assessments are being used to **establish priorities, timelines, and potential wastewater or sewer solutions**?
2. Who is determining the cumulative impacts and risks of wastewater, septic, sewer, and Septic-to-Sewer project activities on District resources, infrastructure, operations, long-term planning, **operational future and ratepayers**?
3. What **policies are needed to guide** the District's participation in wastewater, sewer, and Septic-to-Sewer Project activities and ensure potential impacts, risks, costs, and **future responsibilities** are identified and understood?

Interagency Coordination & Visibility Framing

1. How can the District obtain **sufficient visibility into current and proposed development** to evaluate cumulative impacts on water supply, infrastructure, operations, and ratepayers?
2. How can the District ensure it receives **timely notice of regional planning** efforts, studies, grant applications, infrastructure proposals, and governmental actions that may affect District resources, infrastructure, future responsibilities, or ratepayers? (example: Federal funding requests such as Septic-to-Sewer Project).
3. What **mechanisms are needed to ensure meaningful coordination** between the District, County, Federal (BLM) and other agencies on projects with potential water, wastewater, sewer, or infrastructure implications?

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- **Board Visibility and Reporting Criteria for Development Projects**
- **Projects with Potential District-Wide Implications or Significant Board Interest**
- **Waste Water Treatment Plant Impacts and Policy**
- **High-Demand and Atypical Water Service Proposal Impacts and Policy**
- **Advance Awareness and Proactive Monitoring of External Projects and Planning Activities**
- **Policies for Evaluating Industrial, Commercial, Resort, and Other High Water-Demand Development Projects**