

POL-1000

WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM POLICY

Resource Contact: Program Development and Operations Support

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References: RCW 43.21, RCW 90.03, RCW 90.14, RCW 90.16, RCW 90.42, RCW 90.44, RCW 90.54, RCW 90.66, RCW 90.90, WAC 173-152, WAC 173-165, WAC 173-173, WAC 197-11, WAC 508-12

Purpose: To ensure statewide consistency, conformity with state law, and equality of service to the public in the administration of water rights.

Application: This policy applies to all applications to appropriate water and applications for change of water right received pursuant to Chapter 90.03 and 90.44 RCW.

1. Administration of applications will be consistent statewide

To ensure conformity with state law, equality of service to the public, and consistency between regional offices all applications to appropriate water and applications for change of water right will be processed in accordance with the Water Rights Processing Procedure 1000 (PRO-1000).

2. Processing applications is region specific

Procedural differences exist among the regions in the processing of applications to appropriate water and applications for change of water right. These differences exist because of historical work patterns and expertise of the personnel. Procedural differences are hereby authorized, as long as regional procedures are in agreement with and further the purposes of this policy.

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Special Note: *These policies and procedures guide water resources program staff in administering laws and regulations, to ensure consistency. These policies and procedures are not formal administrative regulations adopted through a rule-making process. In some cases, the policies may not reflect later changes in statute or judicial findings, but they indicate Ecology's practices and interpretations of laws and regulations at the time they are adopted. If you have any questions regarding a policy or procedure, please contact the department.*