



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STAFF MEMORANDUM**

Memo No. 12

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER CONSERVATION AND BOTTLED WATER OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES WATER RESOURCES COMPACT

FROM: John Stolzenberg, Chief of Research Services, and Rachel Letzing, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Drafting Instructions from the Subcommittee on Water Conservation and Bottled Water – Version 1

DATE: January 9, 2007

This Memo lists the drafting instructions provided by your subcommittee at its January 5, 2007 meeting. The Memo will be revised to include additional drafting instructions developed by the subcommittee at subsequent meetings.

Page 3 of the Memo contains the proposed sequence of issues for consideration by the subcommittee that we presented at the subcommittee's January 5 meeting. The organization of these issues has been modified to reflect the subcommittee's discussion of the water conservation framework in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact (the compact) at that meeting.

Page 4 of the Memo contains the flowchart of the water conservation framework in the compact discussed at the subcommittee's January 5 meeting.

DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS

- I. State requirements under the water conservation framework in the compact.
 - A. Apply the water conservation framework in the compact statewide.
 - 1. For purposes of complying with the compact, limit reporting, assessment and interaction with the council to the Great Lakes basin portion of the state.
 - 2. Condition reporting and other interaction with the council and other states and provinces on water conservation programs in the Great Lakes basin on the compact becoming effective.

3. Require agencies administering water conservation programs to tailor program requirements based upon characteristics of regulated water users (i.e. avoid “one size fits all” type regulations).

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*Proposed Sequence of Issues**

[Citations to applicable provisions in LRB-0058/P1 in brackets]

1. State portion of the water conservation framework in the Compact.
 - a. State water conservation and efficiency goals and objectives. [s. 281.343 (4b) (b).]
 - b. Development and implementation of state program. [s. 281.343 (4b) (b) and (e).]
 - c. Promotion of “environmentally sound and economically feasible water conservation measures.” [s. 281.343 (4b) (d).]
 - d. State water conservation program annual assessment and report to the Council and Regional Body. [s. 281.343 (4b) (b).]
 - e. Adjustment of water conservation programs. [s. 281.343 (4b) (e).]
2. State water conservation regulations.
 - a. Water conservation programs for new diversions authorized under the compact (straddling communities, intra-basin transfers, and communities within a straddling county), including, where applicable, incorporation of “environmentally sound and economically feasible water conservation measures.” [s. 281.343 (4n) (b) 2. b., and 3. b., (c) 1. d., and (d) 1. and 5.]
 - b. Water conservation programs for new withdrawals and consumptive uses subject to the compact's decision-making standard, including incorporation of “environmentally sound and economically feasible water conservation measures.” [s. 281.343 (4r) (c).]
 - c. Water conservation programs for other new withdrawals and consumptive uses not subject to the Compact’s decision-making standard. [s. 281.343 (4b) (e).]
 - d. Water conservation programs for existing withdrawals, consumptive uses and diversions. [s. 281.343 (4b) (e).]
3. Bottled water.
4. Other issues.

* Includes applicable definitions in the compact.

Water Conservation Framework in the Compact

Based on Proposed s. 281.343 (4b) in LRB-0058/P1

