

Objectives of Water Needs Assessment (Draft)

- Verify whether projects from the draft IWRMP are all needed (and by when)
- Verify whether projects are adequate to meet the Basin's needs (and for how long.)
- Assess expected effects of climate change on water needs;
- Evaluate effects of farm lands converting to urban uses.
- Assess continued growth of permit-exempt wells.
- Assess water conservation effects.
- Assess growth of municipal systems without access to Yakima Project water (aiming towards supply solutions).

Related Issues

- Time frame for needs assessment (20 years? 30? 50?)
- Scenarios for water conservation
- Federal/non-federal users
- Pro-ratable/non pro-ratable users.
- For domestic uses:
 - permit exempt/non-exempt users.
- For water conservation savings:
 - consumptive use and non-consumptive use.