Welcome & Introductions of New Members

- Sarah Houston, Executive Director, Protector Our Aquifer
- Natalie Hanson, Executive Director, Middle Tennessee Chapter, National Utility Contractors Association
- Anthony Haynes, Executive Director, Tennessee Municipal League
- Betsy Knotts, Director, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan – Content

- American Rescue Plan Background
- Current State of Water Infrastructure in Tennessee
- Water Infrastructure Investment Plan Priorities
- Funding Approach
  - Administration
  - Disbursement
    - Formula-Based Non-Competitive Grants
      - Allocations
      - Minimum Sub-Recipient Requirements
      - Proposal and Project Requirements
    - State-Initiated Strategic Projects
    - Competitive Grants
- Timelines
- Communication, Education & Outreach
Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan – TDEC Focus Areas for Comments

- System types targeted by non-competitive grants (Section VII)
- Ability for counties to serve as primary sub-recipients that will pass-through funds to municipalities and/or water systems and alternative approaches (Section VII)
- Allocation approach and alternative methodologies (Section VII)
- Match amounts and eligible match sources (Section VII)
- Actions TDEC can take to support sub-recipient planning and identification of projects (Section VII)
- Actions TDEC can take to fully inform interested stakeholders on plans for deploying funds and non-competitive grants in particular (Section VII)
- Current water infrastructure data and information challenges and how a state-led project could alleviate them (Section VIII)
- Project types and eligible sub-recipients that should be emphasized through competitive granting program (Section VIII)

*TDEC is receiving comments on all aspects of the plan, but the above represent areas of particular interest*
TDEC will be accepting written comments on the Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan through Friday, October 29, 2021. Written comments may be delivered electronically (preferred) to TDEC.ARPA@tn.gov or mailed to the department at

RE: Draft Water Infrastructure Investment Plan Comments
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
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Nashville, TN 37243
Discussion & Feedback on Draft Plan

- What are your thoughts based on review to date?
Stakeholder Feedback and Questions to Date & Activities Moving Forward

• Recent engagement activities
• Feedback areas
  ▫ Allocation Methodology
  ▫ Match sources
  ▫ Process and collaboration among counties, municipalities, and water systems
  ▫ Sub-recipient relationships and passing on of compliance requirements
  ▫ Specific project type eligibility
  ▫ Depreciation
  ▫ Supply and engineer shortages
• Planned engagement activities
TN Infrastructure Scorecard Updates

• History of TN Infrastructure Scorecard
• Current revisions
  ▫ Recommend thresholds for action
  ▫ Compliance and enforcement history
  ▫ Risk and resiliency
  ▫ Stormwater
• Use as part of non-competitive grant process
  ▫ Informs system identification of high return on investment process
  ▫ Supports prioritization of identified projects for inclusion in sub-recipient proposals for funding
• TAUD activities and engagement