



# Arkansas WATERplan

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## ANRC Engages Water Experts to Help Guide Water Plan Update

The planning process for the Arkansas Water Plan update is officially underway. The update process began in November 2012 with a series of four public information and stakeholder involvement meetings. These meetings introduced Arkansans to the planning process and provided information on how to follow the planning process over the next 18 months. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission will hold three additional rounds of public meetings as the Water Plan takes shape. In addition to the public meetings, water experts who manage and use water in Arkansas have volunteered to serve on work groups. The work groups will focus on the major technical elements of the Water Plan including:

- ◆ Water Use and Demand Forecasting – this effort will focus on the major water using sectors in Arkansas including human consumption, crop and livestock, industry, energy, and navigation. The Demand Work Group has met several times and is helping prepare the information that will be presented at the meetings in June (see schedule to the right).
- ◆ Water Supply Availability – this effort is just getting underway and will be highlighted in next month's newsletter.
- ◆ Development of Potential Solutions to Resolve Identified Shortfalls between Supply and Demand – this effort will begin in the fall and winter of 2013-14.

Randy Young, Executive Director of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, stressed that volunteers will play an important role in the Arkansas Water Plan Update. He stated, "The members of the work groups already have provided valuable insight to the update process, and we appreciate the dedication and time that the members have provided."

## Upcoming Public Meetings:

ANRC has scheduled several meetings in June throughout Arkansas to inform citizens of the status of the Water Plan Update and to receive comments on "Existing and Future Water Use/Needs." Check the website for more information.

- June 3, 2013: **Arkadelphia**; Henderson State University, Garrison Center; 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
- June 4, 2013: **Fort Smith**; Convention Center; 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- June 5, 2013: **Little Rock**; Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Auditorium; 1:30 p.m.
- June 6, 2013: **Stuttgart**; Phillips Community College of the U of A; Grand Prairie Center; 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2013: **Harrison**; North Arkansas College; Durand Center; 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
- June 11, 2013: **Fayetteville**; Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center; 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- June 12, 2013: **Clinton**; Annex Court House Room; 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- June 13, 2013: **Searcy**; Carmichael Community Center; 1:00 p.m.
- June 17, 2013: **Jonesboro**; ASU Convocation Center; 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- June 18, 2013: **Forrest City**; East Arkansas Community College; Fine Arts Center; 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- June 19, 2013: **Heber Springs**; Community Center; 5:30 p.m.
- June 20, 2013: **Smackover**; Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources; 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The following public meetings are in the planning stages. Please check the website at [www.arwaterplan.arkansas.gov](http://www.arwaterplan.arkansas.gov) for developing details for all meetings.

Tuesday, June 4, 2013: **Pine Bluff**; Assoc. of Conservation Districts  
Thursday, June 6, 2013: **Russellville**; Assoc. of Conservation Districts



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