



WESTERN AREA
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

LANDOWNER POLICY ISSUES

WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Mark Owan, Chairman

GOAL:

Work Collaboratively with Landowners
To Ensure Project Success

OUTLINE:

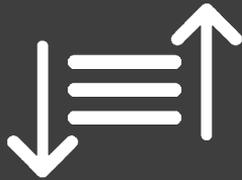
- › Easement Acquisition
- › Land Reclamation

EASEMENT AQUISITION PROCESS

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COMPLICATED EASEMENT PROCESS

1.



Prioritize Projects

2.



Design Route

3.



Surface Ownership Reports

4.



Reroute Conflicts

5.

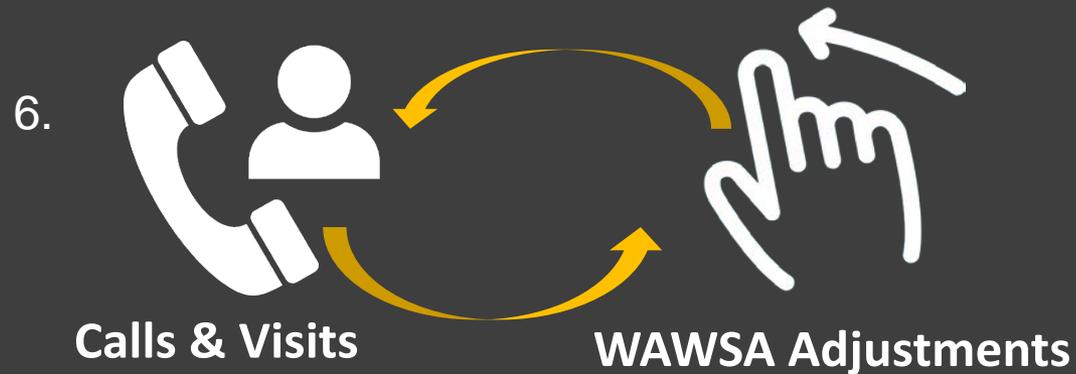


Mail Easement Package

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ITERATIVE EASEMENT PROCESS



7.



Signed Easements Recorded



EASEMENT ACQUISITION PROCESS

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EASEMENT POLICIES

Transmission Mains

- › Landowners are compensated for easements
- › \$1,066/Acre
- › \$1,000/Appurtenance
- › No direct individual service connections

Rural Water Pipelines

- › Landowners are asked for donated easements



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LAST RESORT: CONDEMNATION

If the easement acquisition process fails to obtain the necessary easements to serve those requesting water, WAWSA may use eminent domain as a last resort and may deny future water service.

EASEMENT STATISTICS

Total Miles of Easements in Service/Under Construction	1042 Miles
Total Miles of Easements Condemned	20 Miles
<u>Total Miles of Easements Through “Friendly” Condemnation</u>	<u>- 4 Miles</u>
Total Miles of Easements Through “Quick Take” Condemnation	16 Miles
Easements Aquired through “Quick Take” Condemnation	1.5%





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LAND RECLAMATION EFFORTS

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CONTRACTOR CONSTRUCTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Modification of Specifications

- › Financial Incentives to Prioritize Timely Reclamation
- › Limits on Disturbed Areas

WAWSA COMMITMENT TO LANDOWNERS*

Reclamation Equipment and Staffing

- › Equipment
 - Motor Grader
 - Dump Truck
 - Skid Steer
 - Tractor
 - Drill
- › 3 Staff Members Dedicated to Restoration Work
- › Subcontract to Member Entities

***Reclamation Completed By WAWSA During Construction and Warranty at Contractor's Expense**





LANDOWNER RELATIONS

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LANDOWNER COMPENSATION

- › Crop Damages – State Water Commission Policy
- › Hay Land Loss Damages – State Water Commission Policy
- › Pasture Loss Damages



COMMITTED TO **OPEN**
LANDOWNER COMMUNICATIONS
AND **FAIR** TREATMENT





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