

Water Quality Use Designation

Comments as of 4/18/18

Comments from the SWBAG on the use of stream waters (DWS) if the following considerations are met.

1. Each stream should establish a minimum flow in the stream downstream of the intake for the DWS (the flow downstream of the diversion to the drinking water should not cause a flow less than the minimum flow required to meet established standard).
2. The natural flow of the stream must meet the Quality standards for the natural stream.
3. Any upgrades to the diverted water that a city or users of the DWS may need shall be the responsibility of the diverted water users.
4. No diverted water may be used for any landscaped areas or uses other than drinking water or survival needs of citizens.
5. No treated or discharges from DWS will be accepted to downstream water bodies that impact the health of the downstream entity.
6. Any liability issues must be anticipated so that no costs to anybody or entity must be determined prior to the issuance of a permit or designation of a stream. The responsibility for any costs associated with the diverted water is responsibility of the entity using the water.

If the current or proposed DWS or GWUDI meets the above comments or current standards there should be no harm in designating the use of the water. It is important that the State or other entities other than the designated water use be burdened with any liabilities. Our BAG has no opposition the the inclusion of the proposed units if the above comments apply.

Thank you,
Jim Moyer