

Cascade's Seismic Resiliency Planning

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#### Intersection of Resiliency Actions

Members' local water system resilency actions

Local emergency management actions affecting water systems

Cascade's and Members' regional water system actions

Water Supply Forum regional actions

#### America's Water Infrastructure Act

- Risk and Resiliency Assessment and Emergency Response Plan required for populations of 3,300+
- Certification submittals to EPA by certain dates
- > 100,000 people served: Risk and Resiliency Assessment due 3/31/2020; Emergency Response Plan due 9/30/2020
- Recertification required every 5 years
- Specific tools and methods not required
- Plans must be coordinated with local emergency planning committees

# Members' Workshop Objectives

With the understanding there is value in being proactive and collaborating <u>regionally</u> with respect to earthquake resiliency and in a way that <u>complements</u> (not duplicates or supplants) Cascade's and Members' current actions:

- Determine the highest priority uses for Cascade's \$200K annual budget and other priority regional efforts that don't require use of the budget.
- Develop high level work plans for the priorities.
- Understand how our priorities dovetail with other efforts (e.g. Water Supply Forum).

# Members' and Cascade's Current Resiliency Actions

Common themes:

- Seismic studies and assessments
- Emergency response plans
- Coordination with emergency management offices
- Infrastructure hardening
- Emergency supplies and repair parts
- Post-event level of service goals

## Members' and Cascade's Future Actions

- Top regional actions identified:
  - Conduct tabletop exercises
  - Research alternative water sources
  - Develop pre- and post-event communications between Members and with customers
  - Create an inventory list of emergency supplies
- High-level workplans developed

  Deliverables, timeframe, \$ estimate, lead, intersection with others

  Two additional actions that Cascade will lead:

  Research lessons learned from others
  - o Determine method to allocate post-event water

## Members' and Cascade's Future Actions

Next Steps:

- Detail out the work plans.
- Present actions that require using \$25K or more of Cascade's \$200K budget to Board.
- Check in on a regular basis and track our progress.
- Annually identify new future actions.

# Water Supply Forum

- Water supply system resiliency a central Forum focus.
- Phase 1 (2015-16): Identification of key risks related to earthquakes, climate change, drought, and threats to water quality.
- Phase 2 (2018): In-depth study of earthquake risks and identification of short- and long-term action plans.

#### Forum's Future Actions

- Top Forum regional actions identified:
  - Update and share an inventory list of emergency supplies
  - Develop and issue consistent public messaging
  - Coordinate with local emergency managers to define roles and responsibilities

Jointly seek for funding for resiliency efforts

- High-level workplans developed (e.g. deliverables, timeframe, \$ estimate, lead)
- Check in quarterly and track our progress

# Questions?