Building Resilience to a Changing Climate:

A Technical Training in Water Sector Utility Decision Support



Key Takeaways, Reflections, and Wrap-Up

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Day 2: Key Takeaways: Planning (DMDU)

- Our current and future climate is not the same as past climate, and no one is sure exactly how it has and will change
- DMDU methods ARE about being prepared for whatever happens in the future
- DMDU methods ARE NOT about envisioning what we want to happen in the future or predicting what will happen in the future
- DMDU methods and tools help water managers address uncertain conditions of today and for the future

Day 2: Key Takeaways: Planning (DMDU)

- Basic DMDU principles:
 - Consider multiple futures, not one single future, in your planning – choose these futures to stress test your organization's plans
 - Seek robust plans that perform well over many futures, not optimal plans designed for a single, best-estimate future
 - Make your plans flexible and adaptive, which often makes them more robust
 - Use your analytics to explore many futures and options, not tell you what to do

Day 2: Key Takeaways: Communications

- Many barriers exist
 - A diversity of evidence-based strategies and solutions can help you work towards climate adaptation solutions
- Effective, place-based messages delivered by various voices can help to catalyze conversations and create change
- You have new resources and a new community of practice (everyone in this room!)

Day 2: Key Takeaways: Communications

- Concrete, small actions are needed to address this complex issue.
 - Practice, repetition, time and missteps are keys to success
- Building dialogue is time-intensive but essential for usability & scalability
 - Different messengers & champions are key
 - Think marathon, not sprint!



Community building



Person on your right

Person on your left

Person behind you...

All of us

Training Feedback and Wrap-Up

- Closing polling question
- Please complete your Day 2 feedback form
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