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 1 Key Takeaways: Communications

• Many barriers exist
  – A diversity of evidence-based strategies and solutions can help you work towards climate adaptation solutions

• Effective communication & messages delivered by various voices can help to catalyze change

• You have new resources and a new community of practice (everyone in this room!)
Day 1 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!
Training Feedback and Wrap-Up

• Stay tuned for a follow-up message – materials available on Web
• Please complete your Day 2 feedback form

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