BMP was developed to assist local governments and community water systems to provide a mechanism for the purchasing system to follow their BMPs or at least do at least what the seller is doing.
It is important that the seller and the buyer have a complete understanding of the requirements and expectations of the contract.
Boards changes all the time. Boards may have different priorities than the next board.
Large urban systems facing water supply challenges due to growth or drought are increasingly entering into partnerships with their neighbors to increase their water security. Small town systems that are struggling with the increased costs of managing their systems often look towards partnerships with other systems to manage system costs. The loss of large industrial customers realize that selling water to neighboring communities may be the only realistic way of taking advantage of their capacity and plugging revenue holes. Communities engaged in economic development activities often find that partnerships with other water suppliers are often the most cost effective and sustainable means of providing water to support future development.
Water systems consistently sell or buy for more than 30 days per year should consider contract as regular. Those use for less than 30 days per year should be considered emergency as can assist for the following reasons:
East Millbrook Road in north Raleigh after crews completed repairs to a 12” - water main break that ruptured Friday afternoon, creating a sinkhole.
Electrical or mechanical failures/problems
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Language to Include

- Contract volume of water to be purchased and/or sold
- Length of contract
- How the cost will be determined
- How and when water rates will change
- The buyer is required to adhere to water conservation policy when enacted

Purchase Water Contract Sample

Water quality issues & Water pressure requirements
Which party is responsible for maintaining the meter
How and when water rates will change
Re-selling water to other systems
Service area and annexation
Nonrevenue water and Inflow & Infiltration (I&I)
Some BMP’s to Consider

- Water Efficiency and Conservation
- Water Audits
- Water Loss Abatement
- Metering
- Retrofitting of Residential Fixtures/Irrigation
- Public Information Program
- Rainwater Harvesting
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QUESTIONS?

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