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Completion and acceptance of Regional Water Plans and updates by the ISC is the goal for the regional water planning effort. Each of New Mexico's 16 water planning regions has completed a regional water plan that has been accepted by the ISC. The regional water plan updates for all 16 regions are being developed and should be submitted to the ISC for acceptance in 2015-2016.

Acceptance of a regional water plan by ISC, either wholly or partially, may be conditional relative to its statutory responsibilities as expressed by Chapter 72, Articles 14 and 15, Laws of New Mexico or any other conflicts, decrees, judgments, or public welfare concerns that may arise specific or unique to the region.

## **Acceptance Criteria**

All regional water plan updates must address the following:

1. What is the region's available and projected water supply (referred to as the administrative water supply)?
2. What is the region's projected water demand?
3. Has the region identified strategies to address regional water needs? Has the region highlighted projects and policies or programs of greatest interest?
4. Has the region described public involvement in the planning process?
5. Does the update contain all of the chapters outlined in the *2013 Updated Regional Water Planning Handbook: Guidelines to Preparing Updates to New Mexico Regional Water Plans*?

## **Acceptance Procedures**

1. The completed regional water plan update shall be submitted to ISC staff for final review.
2. The region's representatives with the state will present the regional plan update to the ISC for its review and acceptance.