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## Memo: Integrated Water & Land Use Planning Reports & Resources

**Objective:** Identify relevant resources currently available to support communities like Severance that are interested in incorporating water efficiency into comprehensive plans.

1. “Integrating Water Efficiency into Land Use Planning in the Interior West: A Guidebook for Land Use Planners”
  - **Author:** Western Resource Advocates
  - **Available at:** <https://westernresourceadvocates.org/publications/integrating-water-efficiency-into-land-use-planning/>
  - **Overview:** This Guidebook provides techniques, sample codes/policies, and community examples that explain how to reduce the water footprint of new development. Each chapter in the guidebook provides water efficiency policy options in a different planning stage. Chapter 5 focuses specifically on how to include water in a comprehensive plan. Additional chapters discuss opportunities for water efficiency improvements in zoning codes, subdivision regulations, site-plan regulations, development agreements, non-zoning incentives, and more. The Guidebook is targeted to land use planning professionals but written in an accessible manner for water professionals and other interested parties as well.
2. “Incorporating Water into Comprehensive Planning: A Manual for Land Use Planners in the Colorado River Basin”
  - **Author:** Erin Rugland, Junior Fellow, The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy
  - **Available at:** <https://www.lincolnst.edu/publications/other/incorporating-water-comprehensive-planning>
  - **Overview:** This manual details how land use planners in the seven Colorado River Basin states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) can create a comprehensive planning process that ensures enough water for all residents of the region in the years ahead. The most substantive component of the manual details different water topics to include with example language. Topics include: “One Water”: Moving Toward Integrated Water Management, Water Management, Future Projections, and Water-Efficient Land Use. Within each topic are a number of sub-topics, again with specific examples from communities around the Colorado River Basin. For example, within Water-Efficient Land Use, you can read examples on: “show me the water” requirements, development processes and evaluation, zoning regulations, landscaping/irrigation policies, building/plumbing policies, and several others.

### 3. Growing Water Smart: The Water-Land Use Nexus Workbook

- **Author:** Sonoran Institute & Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy
- **Available at:** <https://sonoraninstitute.org/resource/growing-water-smart-workbook/>
- **Overview:** This workbook was developed as course material for participants of Sonoran Institute's Growing Water Smart 3-day intensive workshop. Information is divided into 5 main sections: 1. Planning and Policy Making, 2. Adequate & Sustainable Water Supply Requirements, 3. Water Smart Land Use Policy, 4. Healthy & Resilient Watersheds, and 5. Conservation Rate Structuring. Incorporating water into comprehensive plans is covered in Section 1 and includes specific water and planning topics to consider with examples from Western communities like Westminster, CO and Santa Fe County, NM.

### 4. Colorado Water Conservation Board Webinar Recording: Integrating Water into the Comprehensive Plan

- **Author:** John Nolon, Land Use Law Center & Mac Cummons, Planning Manager, City of Westminster
- **Available at:**
  - Webinar recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzouo5RH3Ns&feature=youtu.be>
  - Webinar slides: <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/cwcb/0/doc/201110/Electronic.aspx?searchid=ec765dc6-1058-439e-8e9b-57ca5acb1aa5>
- **Overview:** This webinar covers an overview of comprehensive plans, provides examples of communities across the West that have incorporated different elements, and discusses best practices for incorporating water into comprehensive plans.