

Issue Paper 4: Method 2 Criteria and Methodologies

Overview

Of the three components (CII, Indoor Residential, and Landscaped Area) for setting the Method 2 urban water use target, only the CII component is defined as a reduction relative to a baseline. Both the landscaped area water use component and the indoor residential use component are defined as GPCD standards, that are not relative to a baseline GPCD. Agencies choosing to use Method 2 do not calculate a 2020 numerical target in 2010, but calculate the 2020 target in 2020 based on the population and landscape area at that time and include a 10% reduction in CII from the 2010 baseline.

The three components are not considered three independent targets, but are added together to determine a single cumulative urban water use target. This provides flexibility in how urban water agencies can achieve their target.

Issues to be considered

- 1.) How are interim targets set using Method 2?