

### **Institutional Resiliency pre-interview questionnaire:**

The institutional resiliency pre-interview survey will allow us to establish the type of decisions the respondent makes in order to identify candidates for interviews. For each institution type, we plan to interview a total of at least three people: one individual whose primary decision-making responsibilities can be described as operational, one whose primary decision-making can be described as strategic, and one whose primary decision-making can be described as regulatory. By stratifying our sample pool in this manner, we believe we will be able to draw more meaningful conclusions because we expect that answers to the interview questions will vary more between different decision types than between different institutions. This pre-interview questionnaire will allow us to identify the type of decision-maker the survey respondent is.

## **Water Resource Management Decision-Making – Pre-Interview Survey**

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This survey is being conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey – Water Resources Mission Area. Thank you for participating in this survey. Your participation in this survey is voluntary. We estimate that it will take fewer than 10 minutes to complete this survey. Your responses will give us important information about the type of water resource management decisions you make and the considerations those decisions entail.

**Privacy Act Statement:** You are not required to provide your contact information in order to submit your survey response. However, if you do not provide contact information, we may not be able to contact you for additional information to verify your responses. If you do provide contact information, this information will not be shared with any other organization and will only be used to initiate follow-up communication about this project if needed. The records for this collection will be maintained in the appropriate Privacy Act System of Records identified as [DOI Social Networks (Interior/USGS-8) published at 76 FR 44033, 7/22/2011]. Paperwork Reduction Act statements: [16 U.S.C. 1a7] authorized collection of this information. This information will be used by the U.S. Geological Survey to better serve the public. Response to this request is voluntary. We estimate that it will take 10 minutes to prepare and respond to this collection. We will not distribute responses associated with you as an individual. We ask you for some basic contact information to help us interpret the results and, if needed, to contact you for clarification.

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*Objective of Q1 and Q2: These responses will provide information about the organization the respondent works for and their role in that organization. This will help us identify if the respondent is a good candidate for an interview.*

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Q1 Please tell us a little about yourself.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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Q2 In your own words, briefly describe your roles and responsibilities within your organization.

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Objective Q3: The responses to question 3 will allow us to categorize the respondent as an operational, strategic, or regulatory decision-maker.

Q3 Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

*The decisions I make most frequently in the normal course of my job...*

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Have outcomes that can be observed immediately	0	0	0	0	0
Are in response to data collected for the purpose of understanding the current state of the hydrologic system	0	0	0	0	0
Consider long-term trends or forecasts	0	0	0	0	0
Impact an individual or group's legal or negotiated access to water	0	0	0	0	0
Rely on metrics or thresholds that have been pre-determined	0	0	0	0	0
Require rapid communication to the public to inform them or changes to current water quality or quantity	0	0	0	0	0

Involvement responding to acute hazard events impacting water supply or urgent threats to public safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can be described as proactive evaluations of system processes over the long-term to ensure long-term sustainability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can be described as actions based on law or treaty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can be described as adjustments or actions due to short-term observed system changes (i.e., normal system fluctuations or unexpected events).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Objective Q4: This question allows the respondent to provide us with any information about their decision-making process that they feel was not communicated thus far from their responses to previous questions.

Q4 Are there other decisions or factors that influence your water resource management decisions that you would like to share?

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Objective Q5: Question five allows the survey respondent to self-identify as someone that would like to participate in an interview.

Q5 Would you be willing to participate in a 60-minute interview on the topic of water resource management?

No

Maybe

Yes

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