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The Water Shortage Task Force has been charged with developing water use priorities to be implemented during periods of water shortage. These priorities require implementation of potentially controversial use requirements; however, Senate Bill 369 requires the Task Force to make such judgments based on current information available. The priorities established are based on that knowledge. The Task Force also recommends that public agencies and private purveyors implement policies to encourage users to make wise decisions regarding water management.

The Water Shortage Task Force makes the following findings:

Issue:	Action:	Implementation:
Establish water allocation policies for periods of water shortage	Highest priority of water for public health and safety	Water supply providers, IDNR, IDEM, IURC
Establish water allocation policies during periods of normal water supply	Encourage efficient allocation and conservation of water	Water supply providers, IDNR, IDEM, IURC
Evaluation of water supply and demand	Water use databanks developed, standardized and shared through metering and reporting requirements	IDNR, IDEM, IURC, USGS
Assessment of current water usage	Accurate water metering devices shall be used at all withdrawal and/or end use points	Water supply providers, IDNR, USGS
State-wide water management and allocation	Regional water supply planning districts established to develop water management and allocation policies for their respective areas, based upon state-wide criteria	IDNR, IDEM, IURC
Funding for water supply planning	State-wide water supply planning programs funded by legislatively enacted user fees.	IDNR, IDEM, IURC
Water planning criteria established for the State	Establishment of Water Planning Task Force through legislation	IDNR, IDEM, IURC