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## ICWP Principle Statement #2 Emerging Water Issues

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### **Statement of the Issue:**

ICWP is committed to providing a national forum for the evaluation of emerging water policy issues and the development of meaningful solutions to water resource challenges.

### **Position Statement:**

ICWP's desired policy outcome is effective state, regional and federal water policy that supports integrated planning for sustainable water resource management. This is achieved by providing ongoing opportunities for ICWP members to learn from others, identifying needs and drivers of emerging water resource challenges and opportunities, as well as augmenting the role of integrated water resource planning and the benefits of interagency cooperation.

## Attachment A: 2025-2026 Policy Emphasis

1. Data centers
  - ✓ Knowledge sharing across states
    - i. Closed-loop systems
    - ii. Wastewater treatment
    - iii. Education and outreach
  - ✓ Policy Approaches
    - i. Incentives
    - ii. Monitoring
    - iii. Permitting
  - ✓ Case studies
2. USACE state permitting requirements
  - ✓ Relationship with state water allocation
  - ✓ Perspectives from other sectors
3. Economic development and consumptive water use

- ✓ Circular economies
- ✓ Agricultural intensification
- ✓ Industrial expansion
- 4. Aging water infrastructure gaps and cost challenges
  - ✓ Resilient infrastructure
  - ✓ Collaborative approaches
  - ✓ Economic impacts
- 5. Social dimensions of water resource management
  - ✓ Equity Issues
    - i. Water scarcity and adverse water quality impacts
    - ii. Water allocation and distribution
    - iii. Access to safe water
  - ✓ Social and cultural values
    - i. Traditional knowledge
    - ii. Community engagement
  - ✓ Governance
    - i. Role of policy, laws and institutions
    - ii. Collaborative and integrated management
- 6. Others as identified by ICWP's committees and/or Board of Directors