

Use Case

Scenario: Metropolitan is considering a proposal to purchase land outside of its service area. The land is desirable because water rights are attached to the purchase, and access to water rights improves water supply reliability. This could support Metropolitan's core mission.

On the other hand, if a public agency purchases this land, tax will no longer be collected which could impact revenue to the local community. Reduction in pumping rights would be to the detriment of the local community as well.

Further, if the use of the land changes after the purchase, there may be impacts to the local economy or environment. For example, if the land is no longer used for farming, this could have an impact on available jobs (labor impact). Some believe the proposal should include measures to offset social or economic effects, such as support for new commercial developments or jobs programs.