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IFA Regional Planning Meeting Survey link:

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Sarah's 2:30pm presentation:



Indiana Finance Authority (“IFA”) Regional Planning Initiatives

Indiana Water Summit

August 9, 2021

Background on IFA Regional Meetings

- Senate Enrolled Act 4 (2019)
- IFA conduct annual meetings with utilities in regions
 - Community Water Systems
 - NPDES Municipal Major and Minor sanitary-type permit holders
- IFA divide state into Study Areas (i.e., regions)
 - Based on watershed, water source, or other relevant factors
- Utilities report to IFA by March 1 every year



Results of 2020 IFA Regional Meetings

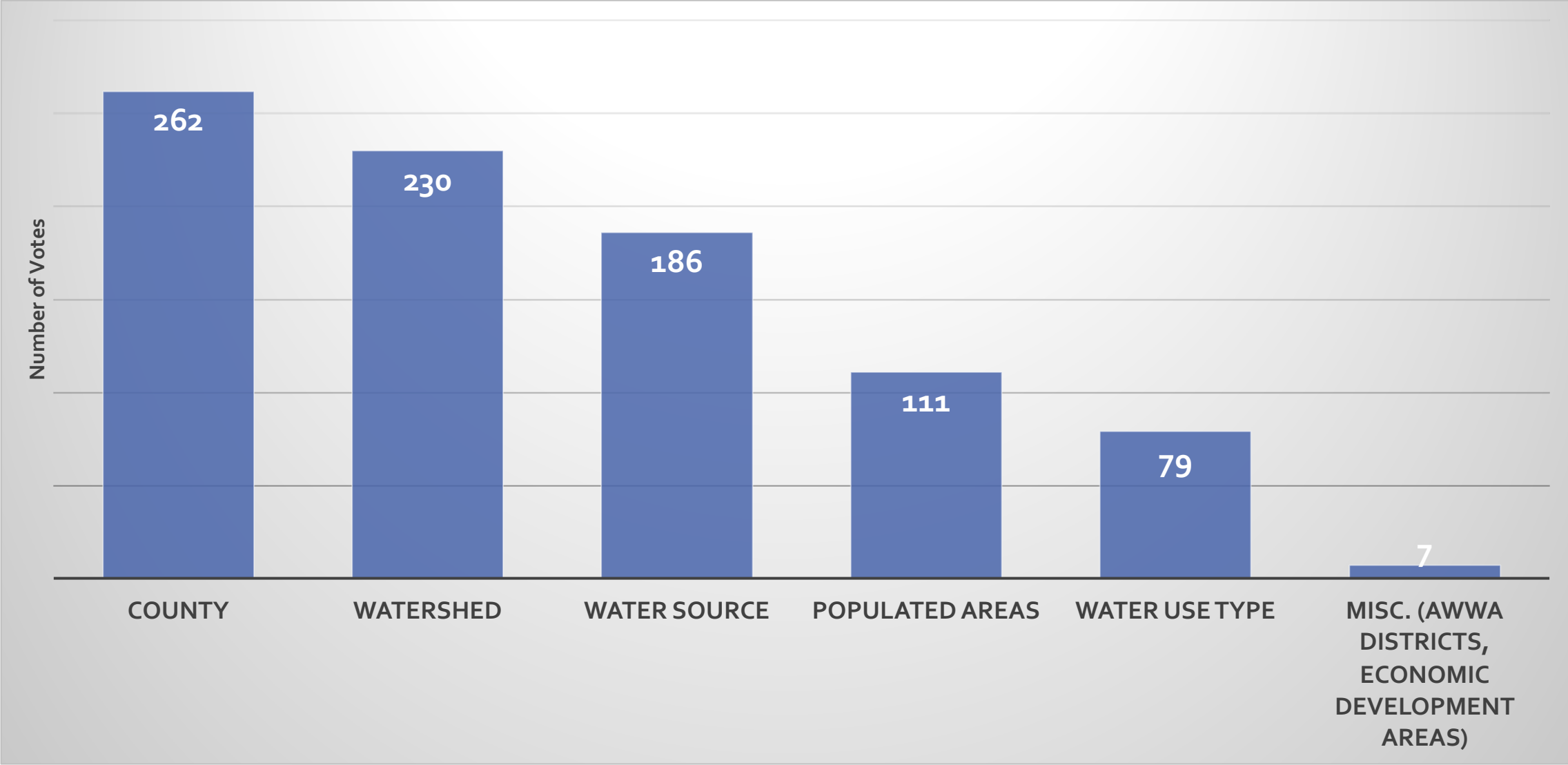
- 11 meetings
- January 2020 – February 2021
- Survey for attendance and feedback
 - 550 responses
- Survey asked:
 - How should the state divide up the state for regional water planning?
 - Who is/should be involved?
 - What topics are/should be discussed?



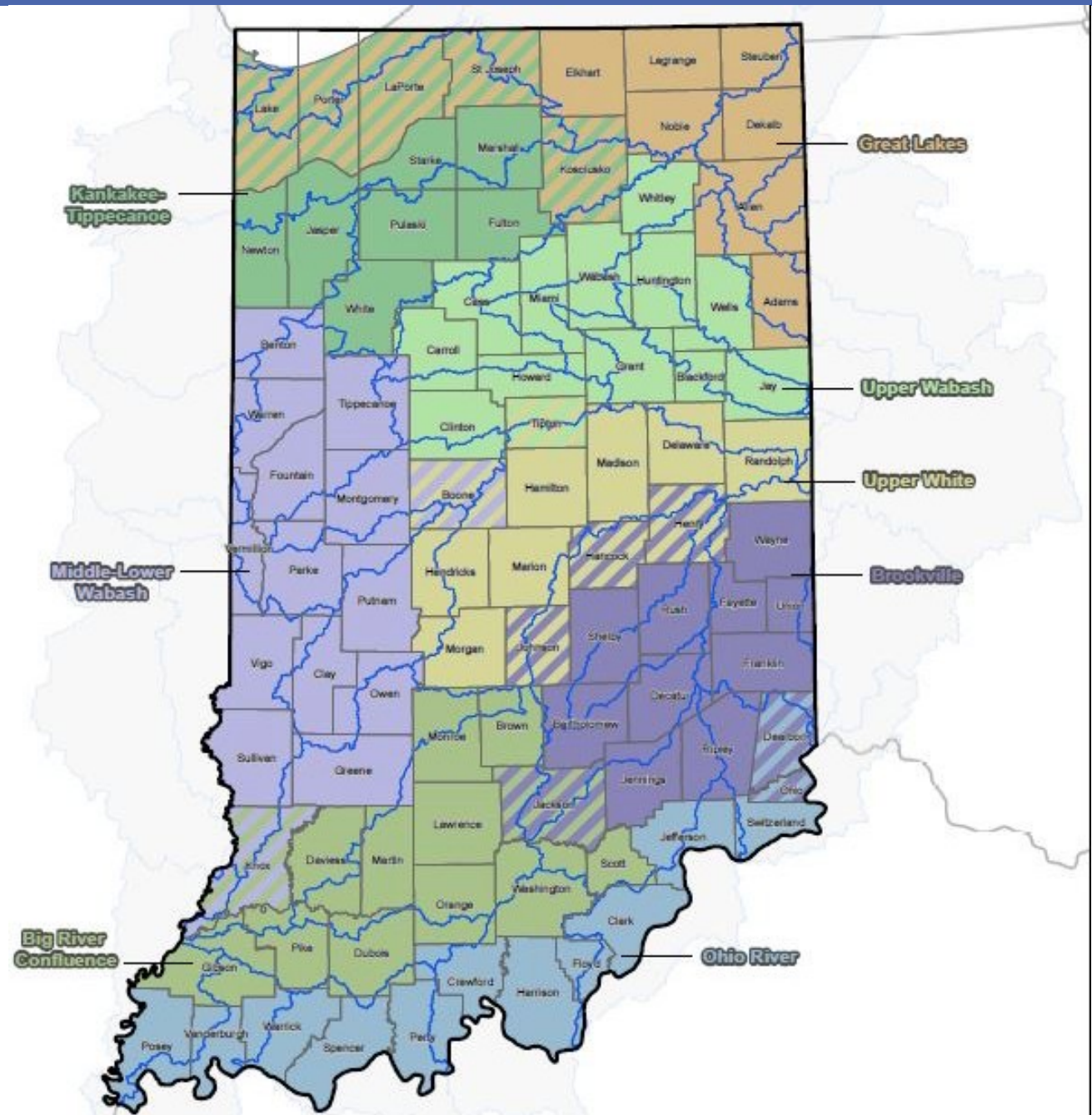
How to Determine Regions for Water Planning?

- Hydrology (watersheds)
 - Great Lakes River Basin
- Socioeconomic (counties, economic areas, population)
- Type of water use
 - I.e., public water supply, industrial, agricultural
- Type of NPDES discharge limits/pollutants/receiving waters
- Existing service territories
- Existing regional groups of utilities
- Logistics for functioning as a group
- Combination of above or other criteria

Results of 2020 IFA Regional Meeting Surveys: Boundaries



A suggestion (Jack Wittman, 2018)



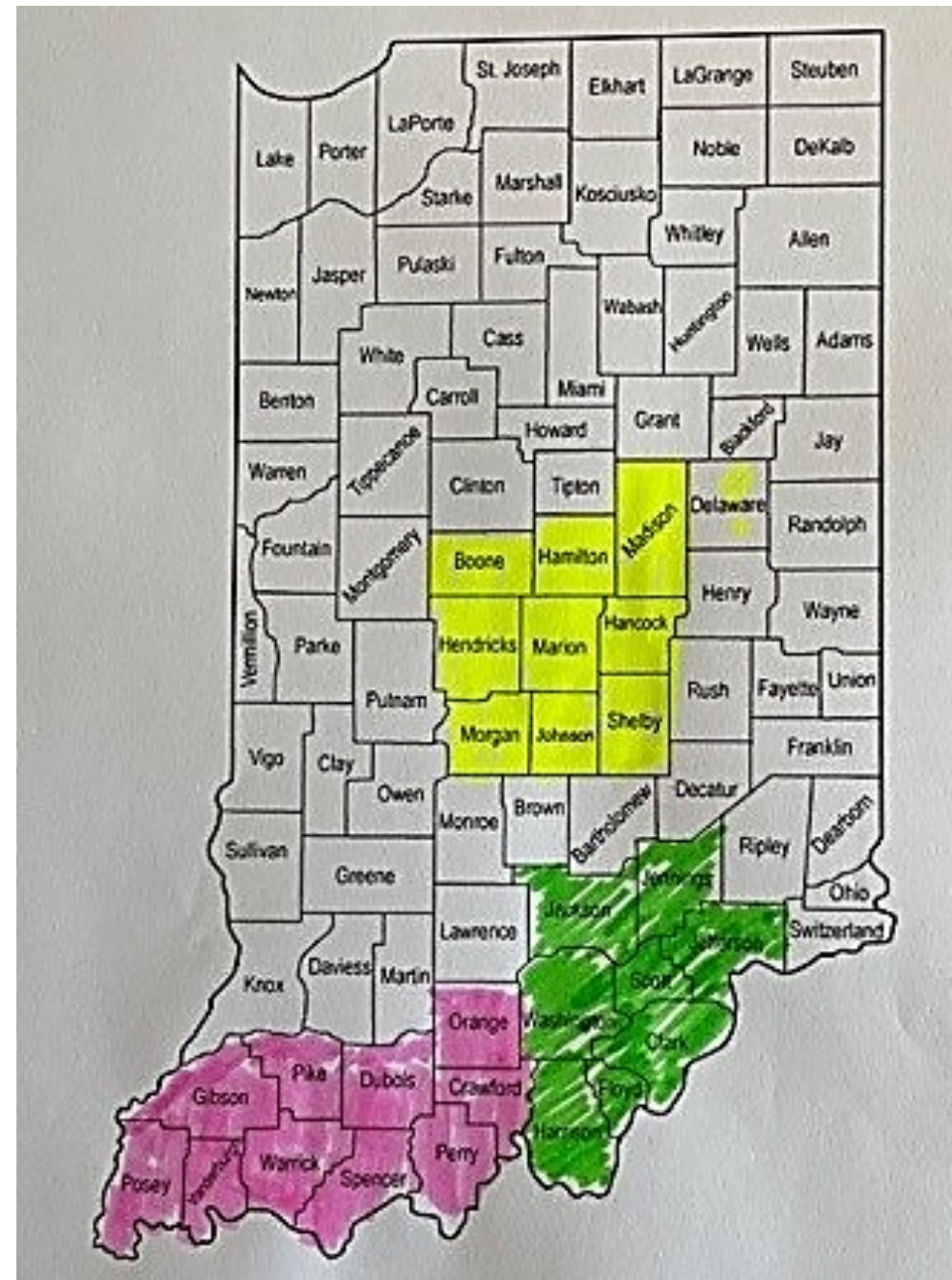
Existing Regional Water Planning Groups

- Central Indiana Drinking Water Collaborative
 - May 25, 2021 in Indianapolis
- Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District
 - June 29, 2021 in Ferdinand
- Southern Indiana Water Professionals Association
 - July 16, 2021 in Floyds Knobs



Draft Map of Regions

- Central IN Collaborative:
 - yellow
 - 9-county area
 - DW only
- SW/PLRWD:
 - pink
 - PLRWD list of interconnects
 - DW & WW
- SE/SIWPA:
 - green
 - SIWPA Invitee list
 - DW only



Going forward

- IFA will hold more meetings in potential new regions
- Based on feedback at meetings, IFA will establish regional boundaries (“Study Areas”) based mainly on watershed and county
- Utility-led, regional planning groups starting to form
- IFA will partner with existing organizations (*e.g., White River Alliance, Indiana Water Environment Association, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, IN American Water Works Association*) to hold IFA Regional Meetings at existing association meetings



Results of 2020 IFA Regional Meeting Surveys

- **Current Planning Partners**

- Neighboring utilities, State/Fed Officials, Elected Officials

- **Current Planning Topics**

- Economic Development, Regulatory Compliance, Water Quality, Supply/Demand

- **Future Planning Partners**

- Neighboring utilities, State/Fed Officials, Elected Officials

- **Future Planning Topics**

- Supply/Demand, Water Quality, Economic Development, Regulatory Compliance



Going forward

- IFA facilitated Regional Studies – as needed based on the needs identified by the regional groups
 - Southeastern Indiana Water Supply Study
 - Central Indiana Water Study (*Forecast and Availability*)
 - Available at <https://www.in.gov/ifa/>

Regional Planning Meeting requirements: reporting

- Utilities report to IFA by March 1
- IFA reports to Legislature by November 1
- Required for assistance from IFA:
 - SRF Loan Program and SWIF Grants (next slide)
- Complete reporting today using survey
 - You will receive an email confirming receipt of submittal
 - Will be active until 4pm tomorrow



IFA Financial Assistance for Regional Infrastructure

- State Revolving Fund Loan Program (“SRF”)
 - Loans to municipalities for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs
- State Water Infrastructure Fund (“SWIF”) grants
 - Grants for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs
- Both programs give priority to projects that address regional needs



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