

# Draft POL-1280 (Change Development Schedules)

## Summary of Changes



This document provides an overview of the substantial changes made in the public review draft of POL-1280 but does not describe every change. It is intended to provide a high-level overview of the draft changes organized by the section numbers in the new draft.

- [New draft policy](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Current version of POL-1280](#)<sup>2</sup>

### Section 1: Definitions and Background

- Made small changes to definitions to standardize them with definitions in other policies.
- Added a new section to provide background about the focus of the policy being on water right certificates and explaining the similarities and differences between change development schedules and development schedules for new water right permits.

### Section 2: Purpose and Ability to Issue Change Development Schedules

- Clarified the ability and purpose for issuing change development schedules.
- Added reference to change development schedules potentially providing support for a determined future development exemption from relinquishment.
- Added statement about Ecology's ability to alter a development schedule included by water conservancy boards in their Report of Examinations (ROEs).

### Section 3: When to Use Change Development Schedules

- Described Ecology's approach of issuing most new water right changes straight to superseding document and not including a change development schedule.

### Section 4: Documenting Change Development Schedules

- Clarified that for municipal "pumps-and-pipes" certificates that Ecology's approach is to generally issue a superseding certificate without a development schedule.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2511105.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://appswr.ecology.wa.gov/docs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol1280.pdf>

## **Section 5: Length of Change Development Schedules**

- Reduced language and examples referencing information that is captured in other parts of this or other Ecology policies (e.g., POL-2030, Municipal Water Law).

## **Section 6: Phases of Change Development Schedules**

- Changed the proof of appropriation phase of the change development schedule process to a new name. This was intended to clarify that certificates undergoing a change do not need to demonstrate full beneficial use under the new authorization before being issued a superseding certificate.

## **Section 7: Actions for Incomplete Change Development Schedules**

- Made changes to emphasize the use of technical assistance first and separately from other enforcement or permitting actions.

## **Section 8: Extensions for Change Development Schedules**

- Removed consideration of previous change development schedule extension requests as a factor to consider when issuing potential additional extensions.
- Reduced the level of detail and number of examples for cancelling a change authorization.

## **Section 9: Relationship of Change Development Schedules to Relinquishment and Abandonment**

- Simplified language.
- Clarified that a change development schedule does not automatically provide a determined future development exemption from relinquishment.

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