

**Best Practices Score  
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Category	O&M Scoring Criteria	Possible	Score	Explanation of Score	How to Improve Score	Contact	
Technical	<b>Operator Certification</b>	Utility has more than one operator certified to the level of the water system	10	10	System Classification: No operator required Primary Operator: <i>No certified operator required</i> Certification Level: <i>N/A</i> Backup Operator: <i>No certified operator required</i> Certification Level: <i>N/A</i>  No certified operator required.	N/A	ADEC Operator Certification Program 465-1139
		Primary operator is certified to the level of the water system and the backup operator holds some level of certification in water treatment or distribution	7				
		Primary operator is certified to the level of the water system and the backup operator holds no certification or there is no backup operator	5				
		Utility has one or more operators certified at some level in water treatment or distribution	3				
		Utility has no certified operators	0				
	<b>Preventive Maintenance Plan</b>	Utility has a written PM plan; PM is performed on schedule; records of completion are submitted on a quarterly basis and have been verified	25	15	The utility is not performing the required maintenance or isn't keeping records of maintenance.	To receive the full points in this category, the operator must have a Preventative Maintenance plan that they follow and the completed plan must be submitted to your assigned RMW each quarter.	Fred Withrow TCC RMW 452-8251 ext. 3267
		Utility has a written PM plan; performance of PM and record keeping are not consistent	15				
		Utility has no PM plan or performs no PM	0				
	<b>Compliance</b>	Utility had no Monitoring and Reporting violations during the past year	10	10	The utility had 0 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2019. The community does not operator a public water system.	The Drinking Water Program provides you with an Annual Monitoring Summary with all of the required samples for your water system. All samples and reports must be collected and submitted in a timely manner.	ADEC Drinking Water Program
		Utility had up to five Monitoring and Reporting violation during the past year	5				
Utility had more than five Monitoring and Reporting violation during the last year		0					
Managerial	<b>Utility Management Training</b>	A person who holds a position of responsibility for management of the utility has completed a DCRA approved Utility Management course or other utility management training course within the last five years	5	5	Tasiana John attended Elected Officials training on 4/2019.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Jed Cox DCRA RUBA Program 269-4549
	<b>Meetings of the Governing Body</b>	The utility owner's governing body meets routinely consistent with the local ordinance/bylaw requirements and receives a current report from the operator	5	2	The city minutes lacks a utility report or financial reports.	To receive additional points, provide RUBA with meeting minutes that demonstrate that the operator is providing a report to the council.	
		The utility owner's governing body meets routinely consistent with the local ordinance/bylaw requirements	2				
The utility owner's governing body does not meet		0					
Financial	<b>Budget</b>	Utility owner and the Utility have each adopted a realistic budget and budget amendments are adopted as needed; Accurate monthly budget reports are prepared and submitted to the governing body	15	10	The city has a balanced budget and separates income and expenses. The budget has subsidies, but doesn't clearly identify the transfer to the sewer utility. No evidence of monthly financial reports being given to council.	Provide RUBA with an adopted, realistic budget that identifies subsidizes. Provide RUBA with monthly financial reports and meeting minutes that demonstrate the council is reviewing the monthly financial reports.	
		Either the Utility or the Utility owner has adopted and implemented a budget, the other has not	13				
		Either the Utility or the Utility owner has adopted a budget, but it is not being implemented	10				
		Utility owner and the Utility have not adopted a budget	0				
	<b>Revenue</b>	Utility is collecting revenue sufficient to cover the Utility's operating expenses and to contribute to a repair and replacement account	20	0	The city has sufficient revenue to cover expenses with subsidies. The subsidy is not identified in monthly financial report, and unknown if submitted to council. Cannot identify if a fee schedule/collection policy is in place and being followed.	To receive additional points, the utility needs to provide monthly financial reports to RUBA and demonstrate sufficient revenue and subsidy to cover the utility's expenses.	
		Utility is collecting revenue sufficient to cover expenses	15				
		Utility has a fee schedule and a collection policy that is followed	5				
		Utility has no fee structure or collection policy	0				
	<b>Worker's Compensation Insurance</b>	Utility has had a worker's compensation policy for all employees for the past two years and has a current policy in place	5	5	Current policy verified 12/6/2019.	Full points have been awarded. Maintain active Worker's Compensation policy to continue receiving these points.	
		Utility has a current worker's compensation policy in place for all employees	2				
Utility has no worker's compensation policy		0					
<b>Payroll Liability Compliance</b>	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations	5	0	The RUBA program did not receive authorization to access tax information for the community.	Provide RUBA with a completed authorization form so they may confirm compliance with tax liabilities.		
	Utility owes back taxes, but has a signed payment agreement, is current on that agreement, and is up-to-date with all other tax obligations	2					
	Utility is not current with its tax obligations and/or does not have a signed repayment agreement for back taxes owed	0					
CIP O&M Score	0	SDS O&M Score	9	TOTAL SCORE	57		