

**Best Practices Score
Thorne Bay
Spring 2021**

Category	O&M Scoring Criteria	Possible	Score	Explanation of Score	How to Improve Score	Contact	
Technical	Operator Certification	Utility has more than one operator certified to the level of the water system	10	5	System Classification: Water Treatment 2 Primary Operator: <i>Samuel Sawyer</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 2</i> Backup Operator: <i>No record of a backup operator</i> Certification Level: <i>N/A</i> Samuel Sawyer holds the correct level of certification. There is no backup operator identified.	Samuel Sawyer has the required CEUs to renew now. A backup operator needs to be identified. Please see the enclosed flyer with more information about certification.	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				
	Preventive Maintenance Plan	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.	Tanner Cole ADEC RMW 269-7609
		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				
	Compliance	Utility had no Monitoring and Reporting violations during the past year	10	0	The utility had 13 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2021.	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.	James Latimer ADEC Drinking Water Program 269-7521
		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	Utility Management Training	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	Teri Feibel attended Elected Officials Management for Rural Utilities training on 11/18/2019.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	
	Meetings of the Governing Body	The utility owner's governing body meets routinely consistent with the local ordinance/bylaw requirements and receives a current report from the operator	5	5	The meeting minutes provided to RUBA demonstrate that the city council meets regularly and receives reports from the water operator. The meeting minutes document a report was made by the operator.	To maintain full points, the governing body must continue to meet according to ordinance and provide RUBA with meeting minutes.	
		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	Budget	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	15	The city and the water utility adopted a realistic and balanced budget. The water utility separates utility income and expenses in a separate enterprise fund. The utility budget is subsidized and subsidy identified in the budget and financial reports.	Full points have been awarded. Continue to provide monthly financial reports to RUBA for verification.	Iura Leahu DCRA RUBA Program 465-4814
		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				
	Revenue	Utility is collecting revenue sufficient to cover the Utility's operating expenses and to contribute to a repair and replacement account	20	20	The financial reports demonstrate that the utility contributes to an R&R account. The financial reports also clearly show the subsidy. The financial reports were provided to RUBA and the city council as demonstrated in the minutes.	Full points have been awarded. Keep up the great work.	
		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				
	Worker's Compensation Insurance	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	Policy verified on 12/23/2020	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					
Payroll Liability Compliance	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations	5	0	No 8821 form submitted to RUBA staff	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	10	SDS O&M Score	11	TOTAL SCORE	70		