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## Implementation of Renewable Energy Indicators to Manage Water Supply Resources

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**Abstract:** Water management policies are considered critical issues in various industries to provide relevant demand for urban areas. In this study, renewable energy indicators are used to determine the efficiency of each indicator on water management issues. Therefore, it is evident that these indicators would enable policymakers to make proper decisions and propose novel methods to manage water resources in developed areas. The implementation of harnessing technologies would be the most influential index in developing indicators in the water management system. It is crucial to rebuild and innovate new technologies to eliminate the unnecessary expenses of water treatment virtually.

**Key words:** Harnessing technologies, sustainable indexes, environmental aspects, policy makers.

### Introduction

The water scarcity problem is one of the critical issues, especially due to the shortcomings of rainfalls as a result of the increase in global warming in the recent decades; various energy sectors have proposed strategic plans and management to improve water resource utilisation (Bischoff-Mattso<sup>7</sup> et al., 2020; Davarpanah and Mirshekari, 2019; Kahil et al., 2016; Mollahosseini et al., 2019; Nestic et al., 2020; Urquiza and Billi, 2020; Valizadeh and Davarpanah, 2020). It is necessary to provide a relevant demand for energy and other sectors to supplement water treatments (Alexandratos et al.,

2019; Davarpanah et al.,<sup>11</sup> 2018, 2019; Hu et al., 2020; Zanker et al., 2007; Zhou et al., 2019). Although various industrial plants have developed novel methods to treat flow-back water, there are still some challenges and concerns on environmental issues (Appiah et al.<sup>9</sup>, 2020; Arshad et al., 2020; Asano, 2002; Dibazar et al., 2020; Jin and Davarpanah, 2020; Roychaudhuri et al., 2019). From environmental perspective, it might correspond to the solid particles and hazardous materials, which seriously add to the pollution level and atmosphere issues (Wang et al., 2001; Zolfani and Sapauskas, 2013). Policymakers have encouraged different research and field engineers to propose appropriate and

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applicable preplanning for water resources management to avoid water loss during treatment processes (Everitt, 2020; Gorondutse et al., 2020). In order to eliminate the virtual and real expenses of water treatment, sustainable indicators were defined based on the urban area's challenges in water supply problems. This proper management corresponds to many people in urban areas that needed large volumes of freshwater to proceed with their routine activities (Malik et al., 2015; Meneses-Jácome et al., 2016; Tryakina, 2017).

Makropoulos et al. (2008) developed multi-decision criteria-making approaches to provide sustainable and optional planning in water resources management, especially in urban areas. They concluded that integrated systems in water resources management would be essential and necessary to control the water loss issues and their further problematic concerns. Moreover, algorithm genetic was implemented to clarify the developed model and assess a life cycle assessment in urban areas. According to Van de Meene et al. (2011), water resources management in urban areas has been approved by energy sectors and governmental faculties, which can help develop a numerical and conceptual model. This measure can help us to have proper sustainable planning for urban areas.

This study aims to develop a conceptual model to manage water resources by expressing new sustainable indicators of environmental, economic, and policy concepts. The implementation of harnessing technologies would be the most influential index in developing indicators in the water management system. It is crucial to rebuild and innovate new technologies to

eliminate the unnecessary expenses of water treatment virtually.

## Methodology

### Indicators Definition

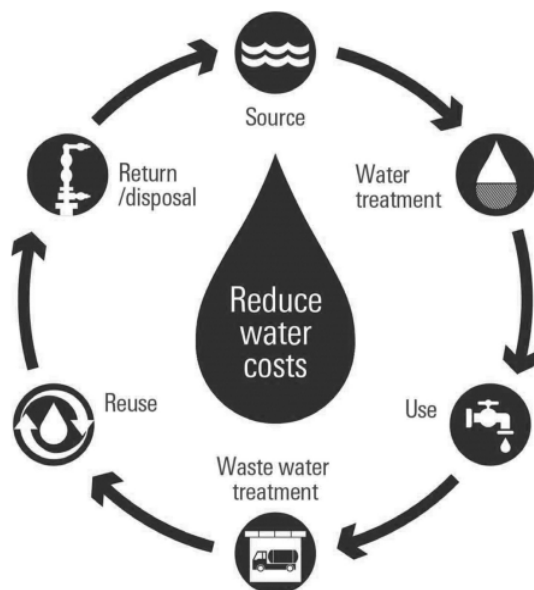
To quantify the required information and develop models to simplify the management plans, indicators are of interest and appropriate tools to obtain sustainable strategies. The proper definition of these indicators is considered an essentially vital issue in various industries to develop a development plan for water management. It would be applicable for urban areas regarding the decision criteria making policies. To virtually eliminate the time-consuming modeling aspects, it is urgent to add effective indicators to plan water management projects appropriately. Thereby, such factors as affordability, equality, water management systems, preplanning, and harnessing technologies were defined to predict energy sustainability, especially in urban areas. To conceptually define and interpret sustainable indicators, water management indicators should be considered in three different economic, environmental, and policy concepts. Table 1 describes these three efficient factors in more detail. These concepts are schematically depicted in Figure 1.

## Results and Discussion

Due to the importance of water resources and water reuse treatment in urban planning, proper management and predefined estimations to overcome this issue

**Table 1: Effect of sustainable factors in water management phenomenon**

Environment concept	Environmental issues have always been considered as one of the most critical issues in water management systems. As a result, it should be taken into account to develop and renovate environmentally-friendly techniques to treat the flow-back water from industrial plants. On the other hand, regarding the enormous demand of various industries for freshwater, proposed methods should have a less environmental impact, especially near urban areas.
Economic concept	As the economic aspect of every water management plan is essential for governments, determination of water management limitations, maintenance operations, cost efficiency, and optimization techniques are required. These efforts would be performed by considering relevant indicators and economic plans to have a proper and sustainable overview in urban areas.
Policy concept	Water supply and its management would be critical issues in strategic and policy concepts that should be considered one of the public issues in urban areas. Thereby, new legislation and policies should be considered in managing water resources to have a fundamental understanding of sustainable energy demand; however, its various challenges and substrates should be of importance for developed and developing countries. On the other hand, governments should implement novel and updated plans to manage and treat the water resources that are utterly dependent on population growth in recent decades.



**Figure 1: Different steps and concepts to manage water resources.**

are necessary to improve life quality and assurance. To do this, provision of a relative balance with water supply as energy indicators and achieving sustainable programming for future generations have always been a concern for policymakers. In order to have efficient and detailed urban planning, indicators should be defined to solve water issues and respond to government demand for various industries. The following strategies and implementations should be detached from the system to propose a viable and confidential water management system. It is explained in Table 2 as sustainable indexes.

Chen et al. (2012) systematically reviewed the water recycling units to propose life cycle assessment criteria

that can help various policy makers present appropriate risk assessments for environmental aspects. According to our results shown in Table 2, environmental issues would be the critical issues in sustainable management and preplanning of water resources. Behanduri et al. (2015) concluded that investment and economic issues would be important for sustainable management of water treatment, which is the focus of this study.

### Conclusion

Proper management and treatment of water resources have imposed several challenges to industrial plants to ensure the confidentiality of sustainable energies in developed countries. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to define relevant, sustainable indicators such as environmental, economic, and policy concepts and what indexes would profoundly impact the water management systems. The implementation of harnessing technologies would be the most influential index in developing indicators in the water management system. It is crucial to rebuild and innovate new technologies to eliminate the unnecessary expenses of water treatment virtually.

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**Table 2: Relevancy of sustainable indicators and indexes**

<i>Indicators/Indexes</i>	<i>Environment concept</i>	<i>Economic concept</i>	<i>Policy concept</i>
Harnessing technologies	✓	✓	✓
Affordability	✓	–	–
Development and strategic planning	✓	✓	✓
Applicability	✓	–	✓
Investment	–	✓	–
Sustainable reuse	✓	–	✓
Treatment processes	✓	–	–

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