#2 - Government Organization and NGOs

Who’s in charge of water?

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See also:

#1 - Efficiency
#3 - Benefit/Cost Analysis Primer
#4 - Government Revenues
#5 - Inflation
#6 - Natural Resource Planning
#7 - Robert's Rules of Order
#8 - Natural Resources Economics
We’ll use Buffalo-Red River Watershed as an example.
10th Amendment: any power not given to the Federal government is given to the people or the states.

Policy makers are elected
- Power to tax
- Make and enforce rules

U.S. Territories (16)
- American Samoa
- Guam
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Puerto Rico
- Virgin Islands
- + 11 uninhabited islands

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State of Minnesota

Special Districts (569 as of 2018)

- Schools (336)
  - 10 or 11 in BRRWD
  - Elected board
  - Collect ad valorem property taxes

- SWCD (90)
  - Elected board
  - Conservation, use, and development of soil, water, and related resources
  - State $ from DWSR, fees, grants, local

- Watershed Districts (44)
  - Appointed board (by county)
  - Collect ad valorem property taxes
  - Make and enforce rules

- Watershed Mgmt Districts (19)

- Many more

Funding: taxes, grants, enterprise
Minnesota: 32nd state on May 11, 1858

Population: Approximately 5.5 million (*22)
Area: 86,936 sq. mi. (*12)
Three major watersheds: Mississippi, Great Lakes, Hudsons Bay

Minnesota is Dakota for clear blue water ('Mini-sota')
### Counties and Cities in BRRWD

#### Clay County (58,999)*
- Moorhead: 43,122
- Dilworth: 4,397
- Barnesville: 2,563
- Hawley: 2,067
- Glyndon: 1,373
- Ulen: 547
- Sabin: 522
- Kragness: 319
- Hitterdal: 201
- Felton: 177
- Georgetown: 129
- Comstock: 96
- Baker: 55
- Downer
- Rollag
- Rustad

#### Wilken County (6,576)
- Breckenridge: 3,386
- Rothsay: 493
- Wolverton: 142
- Foxhome: 116
- Kent: 77

#### Becker County (32,504)
- Lake Park: 881
- Audubon: 519
- Callaway: 234
- Richwood: Unincorporated

#### Otter Tail County (57,303)
- French: Unincorporated
- Carlisle: Unincorporated

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*2010 population

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All:
- General governments
- Elected
- Power to tax, borrow
- Make and enforce rules
State of Minnesota

Executive (Governor)
- Carry out laws through:
  - 78 Agencies
    - 34,000 employees
  - 17 Major Agencies (Departments)
    - DNR
    - MPCA
  - Many Agencies and Offices
  - Many Boards
    - BWSR
    - RRWMB
    - WD
    - SWCD

Legislative
- Make laws
  - Make bills
  - Make acts
  - Senate
  - House

Judicial
- Interpret laws
National/Federal Government
2.1 million employees

Executive
(President)

Legislative

Senate
100 members

House
435 members

Judicial

Cabinet

2 MN U.S. Senators

MN Congressional
Dist. 7 - Collin Peterson

Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions

Agriculture
17 Agencies

NRCS
FSA
Forest Svc

Interior
10 Bureaus
49 Regions = 12

Great Lakes (3)

IJC

Int'l Red River Board

EPA

Defense

Army

ASA (CW)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mississippi Division

More

St. Paul District

MIN Water Resource Center, St. Paul

Midwest Region

Senate
100 members

House
435 members

Cabinet

Executive
(President)

Legislative

Judicial

Army

ASA (CW)

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Mississippi Division

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St. Paul District
Non-Government Organizations (NGO)
(hundreds of them)

- Incorporated
- 501c
- Ad hoc

- Aka: special interest groups
- No power to tax or make rules
- Power of persuasion
- Power of purse strings and lobby
NGOs related to BRRWD mission:

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