# dco framework

# vision values mission

vision: To be a world-class water utility.

**values:** respectful –Serve with a positive attitude, courtesy, and respect that engender collaboration and trust. **ethical** –Maintain high ethical standards, accountability, and honesty as we advance the greater good. **vigilant** –Attend to public health, the environment, quality, efficiency, and sustainability of our enterprise. **accountable** –Address challenges promptly, implement effective solutions, and provide excellent service as a committed team.

**mission:** exceed expectations by providing high quality water services in a safe, environmentally friendly, and efficient manner.

# focus areas

**leadership** DC Water will advocate and lead local, regional, and national collaborations, while internally developing the workforce of the future.

**value** DC Water will be recognized for the value it delivers by protecting public health and the environment, supporting community sustainability, and providing for economic vitality.

**innovation** DC Water will achieve international prominence in development and adoption of science, technology and processes in support of a culture of innovation.

## **goal I:** Develop, Maintain and Recruit a High Performing Workforce

## objectives

- I. Improve employee and internal customer satisfaction levels
- 2. Maintain all regulatory licenses and certifications as required by assigned job positions
- 3. Increase workforce productivity
- 4. Implement organizational succession planning
- 5. Enhance employee performance management
- 6. Reward employee performance and contributions

# **goal 2:** Collaborate Locally, Regionally, Nationally, and Internationally

## objectives

- I. Increase DC Water's collaboration and visibility locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- 2. Positively influence laws, policies, and regulations through collaborations
- 3. Collaborate with DC Water contractors to increase local hiring

# goal 3: Increase Board Focus on Strategic Direction objectives

I. Ensure the Board and committees are fully informed about the strategic plan

# goal 6: Assure Safety and Security objectives

- I. Achieve consistent improvement on a composite of national safety indices annually
- 2. Successfully implement appropriate recommendations of the vulnerability assessment
- 3. Implement improvements to the safety program

# goal 7: Maximize water quality treatment, compliance and efficiency

## objectives

- I. Optimize DC Water's Role in drinking water treatment
- 2. Achieve distribution system optimization to enhance water quality
- 3. Ensure compliance with sewer and water systems permits and regulations
- 4. Advance innovation in drinking water and wastewater treatment processes

# goal 8: Optimally Manage Infrastructure objectives

- I. Replace and/or rehabilitate at least 1% of linear infrastructure annually
- 2. Reduce impact of infiltration & inflow and critical infrastructure failures
- 3. Optimize the ratio of preventive versus corrective

2. On-time implementation of objectives and initiatives

# goal 4: Enhance Customer and Public Confidence,

#### Communications, and Perception

## objectives

I. Increase customer satisfaction

2. Improve public understanding and support of DC Water

#### goal 5: Promote Financial Sustainability, Integrity and Responsible Resource Allocation objectives

- I. Achieve treasury, debt and risk management objectives
- 2. Achieve an affordable and fair rate structure
- 3. Ensure robust internal controls at DC Water
- 4. Ensure timely preparation, adoption and administration of DC Water's operating and capital budgets
- 5. Ensure integrity of DC Water's Financial Systems

- maintenance
- 4. Improve cost effectiveness of infrastructure repair and replacement

## **goal 9:** Enhance Operating Excellence Through Innovation, Sustainability, and Adoption of Best Practices

## objectives

- I. Develop, Measure and evaluate specific indices of efficiency
- 2. Achieve top quartile asset management performance against benchmarks
- 3. Increase adoption of sustainability processes and programs
- 4. Increase adoption of innovative processes and programs
- 5. Leverage innovation to develop alternative revenue sources