Best Practices Score
Nightmute
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	0	System Classification: Small Untreated Primary Operator: *No record of a primary operator* Certification Level: *N/A* Backup Operator: *No record of a backup operator* Certification Level: *N/A* There are no primary or backup operators identified.	Primary and backup operators needs to be identified and take and pass the Small Untreated exam. Please see the enclosed flier 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.	Allan Paukan YKHC RMW 438-2024
		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 12 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.	Kalah Statz ADEC Drinking Water Program 269-7647
		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	0	No one associated with the utility has attended a RUBA training in the past five years.	RUBA provides free training several times per year. Someone who works with the utility should take one of the courses as soon as possible.	
	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	0	The city has not provided a copy of its meeting minutes for June 2020 through November 2020. Therefore, city meetings cannot be verified.	The governing body needs to meet according to local ordinance and submit minutes to RUBA. The meeting minutes should document that a report was made by the operator to the governing board.	
		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	0	The city has not provided its adopted FY21 budget.	Provide RUBA with an adopted, realistic budget. Provide RUBA with monthly financial reports and meeting minutes that demonstrate the council is reviewing the monthly financial reports.	Eli Jacobson DCRA RUBA Program 543-3475
		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	0	The watering point is free. The city has not provided a copy of its monthly financial reports from June 2020 through November 2020. Therefore, revenue cannot be determined. The city has not provided a copy of its collection policy.	To receive additional points, the utility needs to provide a collection policy and monthly financial reports in cash basis to RUBA staff that demonstrate sufficient revenue and/or 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				
	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	0	Lack of policy verified on 12/31/2020	The utility must obtain worker's compensation insurance to receive additional 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	Owes Federal taxes for quarters. Non-compliant with unemployment insurance contributions.	To receive additional points in this category, the utility must either become current on all outstanding tax liabilities, or must enter into a repayment agreement for outstanding tax liability, and remain current on payments.	
		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	2	TOTAL SCORE	15