Water Sector
Jordan

Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI)
Established: Bylaw No. 54 of 1992

Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)
Established: Law No. 18 of 1988

Jordan Valley Authority (JVA)
Established: Law No. 19 of 1988

MWI, WAJ & JVA are linked to the Minister of Water and Irrigation
Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI)

The Secretary General of MWI shall be responsible towards the Minister for the implementation of the Ministry’s policy and the running of its affairs according to the laws, regulations, instructions and decisions in force.

The Ministry shall carry the full responsibility for all water and wastewater systems and the related projects and shall set forth a water policy and submit it to the Council of Ministers for approval.

The Directorates of MWI shall exercise at the headquarters of the Ministry the functions provided for in the Regulation by which it was established in coordination and cooperation with the Water Authority and Jordan Valley Authority according to the instructions issued by the Minister for this purpose.

Participate in the preparation and development of permanent strategy for the water sector, formulation of long term plans and programs to secure the Kingdom’s water requirements at all times and for various uses.

Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)

Water Authority is established as an autonomous corporate body, with financial and administrative independence.

Survey the different water resources, conserve them, determine ways, means and priorities for their implementation and use, except the use for irrigation (Regulate the uses of water, prevent its waste, and conserve its consumption.)

Set up plans and programmes to implement approved water policies related to domestic and municipal waters and sanitation, and to develop water resources in the Kingdom and to exploit them for domestic and municipal purposes.

Direct and regulate the construction of public and private wells, investigate water resources, and drill exploratory, reconnaissance and production wells, and license well drilling rigs and drillers.
Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)

Study, design, construct, operate, maintain, and administer water and public wastewater projects including collecting, purifying, treating, disposing of water and wastewater, and the methods of dealing with water.

Draw terms, standards and special requirements in relation to the preservation of water and Water basins, protect them from pollution, and ascertain the safety of water and wastewater structures, public and private distribution and disposal networks.

Carry out theoretical-and applied research and studies regarding water and public wastewater to achieve the Authority’s objectives including the preparation of approved water quality standards for different uses.

Issue permits to engineers and licensed professionals to perform public water and wastewater works.

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Water Companies

Planning and Management Unit (PMU)

- Meyahuna (Amman Gov.)
- Aqaba water (Aqaba)
- Yarmouk Company (Northern Governorates)

Water Companies are completely Owned by WAJ

PMU is responsible for monitoring their performance
Jordan Valley Authority
(JVA)

JVA has independent legal entity and linked to the Min. of MWI
Responsible for social and economical development of the Jordan Valley

Development of water resources of the valley- utilizing them for irrigated farming, domestic and municipal uses, industry and generating hydroelectric power

Protection and conservation of water resources, (carrying out all the works related to the development, utilization, protection and conservation of these resources)

Planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects and related structures including (dams, hydropower stations, well, pumping stations, water delivery and distribution networks, …)