WALLA WALLA WATER 2050

Planning Meeting
March 31, 2020
TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR THIS CALL

- Use your **computer** to connect to Zoom.

- Use the **chat or hand raise function** to submit questions and comments and/or request to speak to the group.

- Use a **headset** or take call from a quiet space to reduce background noise/echo

- Keep your phone or headset **muted** unless you are speaking to the group.

- Stay **focused**.
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• WELCOME
• INTRODUCTIONS
• REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS
## REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS (1/2)

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| **Public workshop**              | • October 2019 and planning for April 2020 (depending on COVID-19)  
• Identified visions for the basin from all interest groups |
| **Strategic Planning Advisory Committee** | • Created subset of the public interested in serving on the committee  
• Established interest groups and number of representatives on the committee  
• March 2020 – identify individuals to be a representative on the committee  
• Identified and delineated sub-basins  
• Identified and organized subcommittees/work groups to allow everyone to be involved |
| **Strategic Plan**               | • Communicated plan components and examples to the SPAC  
• Created working/proposed draft outline  
• Completed procurement and selection of the consultant team (facilitation and writing the plan) |
| **Performance and Financial Audits** | • Worked with State Auditor’s Office (performance) and contracted auditor (financial) as they draft reports |
| **Joint Legislative Report**     | • Identified components and created outline of the report |
## REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2/2)

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<th>Bi-State Flow Enhancement Study</th>
<th>• Completed previous agreement and creating new agreement for next steps identified by the Steering Committee</th>
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| Data Workgroup                 | • Designed and constructed online Resource Library  
• Collecting data and designing the Story Map communication tool |
| USGS Groundwater Study         | • Completed initial work scope and Joint Funding Agreement (JFA)  
• Completed QA project plan requirements to allow USGS to begin data collection  
• Began scoping full study  
• Purchased water level transducers to equip monitoring wells in the basin |
| Tri-Sovereign Meetings         | • Conducting meetings between WA, OR, and CTUIR to explore basin-wide solutions |
| Programmatic EIS               | • Began drafting the procurement documents in order to select contractor |
INTRODUCING CONSULTING TEAM

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INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call
## REVIEW AGENDA

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| 1:00 | **Welcome, introductions, review accomplishments:**                         | Pages 1, 4   | • Tom Tebb, ECY  
• Judith Jackson, WWWMP  
• Susan Gulick, Facilitator |
|      | • Welcome by Judith Johnson & Tom Tebb                                  |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Introductions                                                            |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Review agenda                                                            |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Review accomplishments                                                  |              |                                                                                                  |
| 1:15 | **Org structure for Strategic Plan Advisory Committee:**                  | Page 5       | • Susan Gulick, Facilitator                                                                        |
|      | • Finalize membership                                                     |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Discuss next steps                                                      |              |                                                                                                  |
| 1:55 | **WWW 2050 Strategic Plan:**                                              | Pages 6-9    | • Angela Pietschmann, Cascadia Consulting  
• Susan Gulick, Facilitator                                                                 |
|      | • Overview of proposed process                                            |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Initial reactions/discussion                                            |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Next steps                                                              |              |                                                                                                  |
| 2:45 | **10-MINUTE BREAK**                                                       |              |                                                                                                  |
| 2:55 | **Working Groups:**                                                       | Pages 10-12  | • Brook Beeler, Ecology (with support from Judith Johnson and Anton Chiono)  
• Susan Gulick, Facilitator                                                                 |
|      | • Finalize list of Working Groups                                         |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Membership                                                              |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Next steps                                                              |              |                                                                                                  |
| 3:40 | **Updates and Next Steps:**                                               |              | • Susan Gulick, Facilitator                                                                        |
|      | • Action items                                                            |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Updates/announcements                                                   |              |                                                                                                  |
|      | • Upcoming meetings                                                       |              |                                                                                                  |
| 3:55 | **Closing remarks**                                                       |              | • Tom Tebb, Ecology  
• Judith Johnson, WWWMP                                                                                 |
• ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE FOR STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

Background:

- Strategic Plan Advisory Committee (SPAC) will consist of:
  - 12-15 members
  - 6 different interest groups.
- The expectation is that the SPAC will operate by **full consensus**.
- Each interest group was asked to **self-select SPAC members**.
- **Other stakeholders** will have ample opportunity for involvement through the Working Groups, larger public workshops, and other mechanisms.
- Meetings will be **remote** until social distancing recommendations for Covid-19 change.
### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

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Discussion:

1) Do stakeholders feel this membership will represent the diverse interests of the watershed? If not, what is missing?

2) Are both WA and OR interests adequately represented (including the Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council)?

3) Are there any concerns with finalizing the membership of the SPAC to include these members?

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• WALLA WALLA WATER
2050 STRATEGIC PLAN
WWW 2050 STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Plan: Content Development Process

Consulting Team
- Develop templates with SPAC, based on Strategic Plan Outline
- WG specific template
- Consolidate completed templates; work with WGs to fill in initial gaps
- Synthesis of WG templates
- Use synthesis to facilitate SPAC discussion
- Incorporate approved sections into Strategic Plan Draft
- Strategic Plan DRAFT Section

Working Groups
- Complete template and make recommendations to SPAC
- Completed template
- Conduct further research, fill in gaps, revise recommendations
- Revised synthesis

SPAC
- Develop templates with Consultant Team
- Review WG synthesis. Identify red flags and info gaps.
- Additional WG input needed?
  - YES
  - NO
  - Revise synthesis as needed, approve for inclusion in Strategic Plan
  - Approved Strategic Plan content

Public Workshops
- Review WG synthesis. Gather sub-basin input. Provide feedback to WGs and SPAC.
| Introduction | • Introduction  
|             | • Plan authority, scope, and purpose  
|             | • General description of current watershed conditions and accomplishments  
|             | • Walla Walla Watershed Vision Statement  
|             | • General description of desired future conditions (DFC)  |
| Strategies to achieve desired future conditions | • Water Resources  
|             | • Land Management  
|             | • Fisheries Resources  |
| Prioritized watershed recommendations | • Sustained ecological function  
|             | • Sustained use  
|             | • Implementation organization, management, funding  |
Who are the primary/secondary audiences for plan?
- e.g., public-facing vs decision-makers
- e.g., options for summary + full plan versions

What format will we use to present information?
- e.g., digital / interactive vs traditional hardcopy

What level of detail will we include?
- e.g., plan vs appendices?

Examples:
- Southern Resident Orca Task Force Final Report & Recommendations
- WA Wildland Fire Protection 10-Year Strategic Plan

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10-MINUTE BREAK

*(come back at 2:25 PM)*
• WORKING GROUPS
## PROPOSED WORKING GROUPS

### Water supply needs
- Domestic – municipal and permit-exempt
- Industrial/commercial
- Irrigated agriculture
- Quality of life

### Ecological function
- Fish and wildlife
- Instream flow
- Riparian
- Habitat
- Water quality

### Land use
- Upland management, dryland agriculture, and forests
- Urban planning and zoning
- Rural planning and zoning

### Implementation
- ASR and MAR
- Storage, piping, flood control
- Source swap
- Floodplain / riparian restoration
- Wetland enhancement
- Fish passage and screening
- Water banking / trust water / mitigation
- Conservation

### Studies, monitoring, data
- Water rights evaluation
- Bi-state flow study
- Touchet River habitat assessment
- USGS bi-state groundwater study
- Water supply & availability (forecasting)
- Surface / groundwater interactions
- Infrastructure inventory and gap analysis

### Administrative
- Regulatory framework
- Financial structure and funding mechanisms
- Public engagement
- Adjacent processes, (Tri-Sovereign talks, Mill Creek GI)
• Meetings will be **remote** until social distancing recommendations for Covid-19 change.

• Each Working Group will identify a **lead:**
  • Primary person communicating with Working Group members
  • Lead the effort to provide completed assignments to the consulting team.
  • Attend SPAC meetings to report on progress and challenges.

• **SPAC members** will be expected to serve on at least one Working Group (but not as the lead...unless they really want to!)
• Working Groups will **meet at least monthly** and possibly as often as weekly, depending on the group.

• Working Groups will **not be divided by sub-basin initially**, though each group can certainly do that if it is productive.

• **Public workshops**, open to all stakeholders, will provide an opportunity for sub-basin groups to review, discuss, and refine the output of the Working Groups from a geographic perspective.
• Proposed Working Group topics/format are considered a starting point; nothing is set in stone.
  • It is possible that a Working Group will need be divided into more than one group.
  • Likewise, a small Working Group may elect to combine with another Working Group.
  • The need for new Working Groups may emerge.
  • We will figure this out together as we go!
Discussion:

1. Does this list of Working Groups adequately incorporate the diverse issues? What changes would you suggest?

2. Is the process for the Working Groups clear? What questions do you have regarding the process?

3. Are there any concerns about how sub-basins/place-based concerns are addressed?

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• Action items
• Updates and announcements
• Upcoming meetings:
  • SPAC
  • Working Groups

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CLOSING REMARKS