

October 20th Deliberative Topics

NOTE: Topics and topic order are subject to change based on the needs of the Work Group. The following are proposed deliberative topics for discussion by the Work Group and do not necessarily reflect agreement of the group. Official, formal consensus checks on substantive items will be conducted during public proceedings at a future meeting.

Qualifying for PBP funding

Review proposal from small group of Work Group members (Bobby, Dan, Daniel, Jeff):

- **Augment** PP Recommendation A with:

Part 1: *The legislature should fund OWRD regional/basin outreach and engagement staff throughout the state to help facilitate and guide groups through the Place Based Planning Process. At a minimum, these staff would:*

- (1) Provide consultation to groups interested in undertaking PBP*
- (2) Help identify the local leaders, key state and federal agencies, tribes, and stakeholders needed for a successful planning process*
- (3) Coordinate interagency data collection, analysis, and technical support as needed by the planning group*
- (4) Coordinate an interagency team to support and execute planning from consultation through implementation*
- (5) Participate in the planning process and any continued processes associated with implementation*

Part 2: *OWRD should create easily accessible materials, including a pre-application checklist, for potential conveners and planning groups to preliminarily assess (1) whether Place Based Planning is the best tool to meet their needs and (2) their initial capacity and readiness to engage in Place Based Planning.*

- Replace PP Recommendation J with:

The place-based planning grant program should be competitive and structured to provide onramps for groups with varying levels of capacity and resources.

Specifically, the Place Based Planning grant program should include:

- *Small Capacity Grants to help groups, especially those in underserved areas, prepare and assess their readiness to engage in the Place Based Planning process. At a minimum, this would include scoping and convening of a group to (1) assess their needs and capacity, and (2) identify program design and cost of things like critical data, facilitation, and program administration (including report writing).*
- *Planning Grants to support groups in following the Place Based Planning guidelines to develop a plan and achieve state recognition.*
- *Implementation Coordination Grants for groups with State Recognized Plans to continue collaboration and coordination as they implement their plans.*
- *Grants for Plan Updates for groups to update their plans to reflect progress in implementation, changes in local conditions and/or updates to data availability or climate change information*

Clarifying State's role and responsibilities for PBP

- The state should assess and develop a full suite of water planning tools and identify which tools or approaches will lead to the most successful outcomes in various basins given geography, community, hydrology, and magnitude of water crisis. (Chrysten)
- Require the state to provide data interpretation, establish planning scope and sideboards within the law, paying for neutral professional facilitation, providing professional SME technical writing services, and having state agency staff participate as group members. (Kimberley)
- Agencies may elect to not provide technical assistance or other means of support to place based planning efforts if staff resources are not available. (Kimberley)

Introduction and Guiding Principles

- Revisit Guiding Principles for Water Planning (OWRD - list sent to Work Group on 10/17)
- Describing Place-Based Planning as a tool in the system (Kimberley and Kate)

Community Engagement Guide

- Update on proposed framing for empowering communities and changes in the guide (Community Engagement Task Group + Kimberley and Kelly)

- **Update CE Recommendation B with:**

Establish a clear set of standards for engagement tied to accessing state funding for regional planning, based on the high-level principles from the Community Engagement Guide. These principles should be considered criteria for grant funding:

- A. Regional Planning Should be a Collaborative with Communities**
 - B. Participation in Regional Planning Should be Balanced and Inclusive, and Should Include both Instream and Out of Stream Interests**
 - C. Regional Planning Should Be Transparent and Accessible for All**
 - D. Regional Planning Should Recognize that Tribal Engagement is Unique and Layered**
 - E. Regional Planning Should Foster Public Input Early in the Process and Ongoing**
 - F. Regional Planning Should Sustain an Informed Public**
 - G. Regional Planning Should Support Trust Building Between All Participants, Community Members, and the State**
 - H. Regional Planning Should Demonstrate Accountability**
- Any remaining concerns with the CE Recommendations?
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November 1st Deliberative Topics

Re: Recognition of a Plan and Implementation

- **Information share:** Related to pilot - current offerings and lessons learned from pilots to date
 - 'Value of a plan' - what does state recognition mean today?
 - Overview of suite of recommended actions that came from the PBP Pilots
 - Structure of existing implementation funding programs @ OWRD (+ elsewhere?)
- **Discussion point:** Clarity or structure for 'recognition'. Options to explore:
 - Carry the frame of the pilot phase forward: Assist place based planning groups in identifying opportunities for funding (e.g. reviewing actions within a plan to determine which would qualify for existing funding programs)
 - Commit to review any policy needs that were identified in a plan
 - Include funding support for implementation activities via place based plan program grant.

- Commit to plan review and assisting with updates every 5-10 years
- Checks and balances related to funding PBP implementation activities:
 - Do not fund implementation activities unless PBP is conducted on a prioritized basis.
 - Conditioned by success to date and need. Groups that are not functioning or not successful should not be guaranteed state funding.
- Recommend an explicit tie between recognized plans and the IWRS, or other recommendation related to explicit integration with state water planning and management system
- Follow up on any remaining deliberative topics from previous meetings:
 - Introductory Statement
 - Data/technical analysis?
 - Community engagement?
 - Pathway and Process: Qualifying for PBP- structure?
 - Checks and Balances for State Support
 - Sustaining and Funding PBP