



HB 5006 Work Group Timeline and Decision Making August - December 2022

Decision-Making (as described in the *Operating Protocols*)

The Work Group will use a consensus-based process to develop recommendations for a framework and path for state-supported water planning and management at the water region and/or basin level.

The Work Group will strive for consensus on recommendations. **Consensus is defined as, “willingness to accept the Work Group’s recommendation.”** A consensus tool will be used by the facilitator to gauge levels of alignment on proposed concepts at iterative points in the process. A final consensus check on all recommendations will be done at the end of the process before a recommendation goes forward on behalf of the Work Group.

Consensus Tool: Using a scale of 1-5 to gauge the level of agreement on a given proposal or idea:

“1” = I enthusiastically support this proposal or idea.

“2” = I am ok with this proposal or idea.

“3”= I am neutral, on the fence, or have minor concerns about this proposal or idea.

“4”= I have serious questions or concerns, but will not ultimately block this proposal or idea.

“5”= I oppose and will actively block this proposal or idea.

As time allows, “4” and “5” will offer amendments to the proposal or idea and a consensus check of the group will be redone with the refinement. If time does not permit, work group member(s) can offer explanations for their serious concerns or questions and these will be documented.

Timeline and Applying the Decision-Making Approach

AUGUST

8/ 24: A straw proposal will be sent to the full Work Group for review related to potential recommendations for next generation place based planning. Work Group members will be asked to signal a **gut reaction** level of support for individual sections of this current version of the document, as well as crafting any new proposals, using the companion worksheet and instructions (see attached worksheet). Moderate to weak preliminary consensus on a section will indicate a need to do more work on the draft and this along with new recommendations proposed for the work group to consider will be the focus of the upcoming meeting.

8/31 by NOON: Work Group assignment due - preliminary consensus check and any recommended revisions due for consideration on the Sept. 6 draft. (There will be additional opportunities for this in future drafts.)

8/31-9/2: OC and OWRD will take the inputs and tee-up deliberative agenda topics for September 6. The topics will be sent back to the Work Group by COB on Friday Sept. 2. *No revisions to the straw document will be made until after the September 6 meeting.*

SEPTEMBER

9/6: Work Group Meeting

OC will share the group-average results of the preliminary consensus check for each section of the draft. Moderate to weak preliminary consensus sections and any new recommendations proposed for the work group to consider will be the focus of the meeting.

Work Group members will have an opportunity to share and discuss their proposed change or new recommendation(s) with the Work Group, after which OC will do a consensus check with the whole group on whether to incorporate the change into the next draft. If there is a clear signal of support (“1”, “2” or “3” from everyone), the change will be incorporated. If there is NOT a clear signal of support (some or many “4” or “5” responses), the individual who recommended the change will have a choice to withdraw their recommendation OR work to develop a refinement based on the feedback to try to get to a stronger agreement on the next draft.

NOTE: If a recommendation from a Work Group member never reaches full consensus in this process AND is not withdrawn by that member, it will move into a section of the

final report for “Issues Considered but not Resolved.” (This section of the report will be populated *after* the final consensus check on the full suite of recommendations.)

9/20: A second iterative draft of the straw proposal will be shared with the full Work Group that incorporates any changes accepted by the Work Group on September 6, and any suggested refinements from individuals who chose to refine their recommendations from a previous draft. ***The refinement and decision process will be repeated, as above, in the next steps.***

9/27 by COB: Work Group assignment due- preliminary consensus check and any recommended revisions due for consideration on the Sept. 20 draft. (There will be additional opportunities for this in future drafts.)

9/28-30: OC and OWRD will take the inputs and tee-up deliberative agenda topics for October 4. The topics will be sent back to the Work Group by COB on Friday, Sept. 30. *No revisions to the straw document will be made until after the October 4 meeting.*

OCTOBER

10/4: Work Group Meeting

Same approach as 9/6. Second iterative draft.

10/20: PLACEHOLDER for Work Group meeting. More deliberations.

10/27 by NOON: Work Group assignment due- preliminary consensus check and any recommended revisions due for consideration on the October 20 draft. (There will be additional opportunities for this in future drafts.)

10/28-29: OC and OWRD will take the inputs and tee up deliberative agenda topics for November 1. The topics will be sent back to the Work Group by COB on Friday, October 28. *No revisions to the straw document will be made until after the November 1 meeting.*

NOVEMBER

11/1: Work Group Meeting

Same approach as 9/6 and 10/4. Third iterative draft. FINAL CONSENSUS CHECK*

Any proposals from individual Work Group members that do not reach full consensus in this process AND are not withdrawn by that member will move into a section of the final report for “issues considered but not resolved”. (This section of the report will be populated *after* the final consensus check on the full suite of recommendations.)

11/2-19: REPORT WRITING

Final report production. OC/OWRD team will assemble a final report with Background, Recommendations, Issues Considered but Not Resolved, and Conclusions. The Recommendations section will be the results of the above deliberations and consensus procedures. The Report draft will be submitted to the Work Group for review and consensus approval. This is NOT the time for inserting proposals for new or different substantive content, rather the time for checking for accuracy the process and results of your work together. The goal will be to finalize this report by the end of 2022 or early 2023, prior to the start of the Legislative session.

DECEMBER

12/6: Final scheduled Work Group Meeting

12/6-20: Work Group final sign-off on report.

**TIMELINE CAVEAT:* If desired by the Work Group, the timeline could be extended by one month to allow for a fourth and final review, deliberation and consensus check on the straw proposal to try to resolve any remaining issues. This will be mostly dependent on the suite of issues still on the table, the desire of the group to keep deliberating, and the will of individuals to offer refinements that could elevate the whole group to a stronger consensus on a recommendation.