

July 5, 2023

Re: Input from WPCAG for consideration at the WPC Retreat

Thank you for facilitating the WPC retreat scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your willingness to incorporate comments of stakeholders. Below are comments of the Water Planning Council Advisory Group based on consensus from prior discussions at WPCAG meetings as the timeline for the retreat and WPCAG meeting did not allow for full stakeholder engagements for comments. We look forward to the opportunity to engage in this process as discussions progress.

**What do you see as the goals and objectives of the meeting?**

1. To determine how the Water Planning Council and it's supporting stakeholder groups can best move forward in building capacity in order to prioritize next steps, continue implementation of the SWP, and update the existing plan.

**What would you like to see as an outcome?**

1. Defined strategies, action items and a timeline for funding a "Water Chief" position and the next phase of water planning.
2. Defined strategies, action items and a timeline for prioritization of existing recommendations with addressing the impacts of climate change in mind.

**Other Comments**

Below are a preliminary list of priorities that resulted from a meeting on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of stakeholders to have an initial conversation about prioritization of SWP recommendations as well as what should be addressed in the update of the state water plan. These are in no particular order.

1. Water Conservation
  - a. Statewide limits of irrigation
  - b. Reduce overall water usage of all kinds
  - c. Water management improvement
  - d. Coordinate water use by agencies and water systems at the regional level
2. Drought Planning and Management
3. Recreation
4. Habitat Conservation
  - a. Wetlands
  - b. Watercourse

- c. Watershed
- 5. Climate Change
  - a. Drought mitigation
  - b. Stormwater management – change designs based on current precipitation patterns
  - c. Address concerns around climate change and higher temperatures impacting water quality and quantity and address lack of protections in our regulatory framework such as riparian buffers.
- 6. Reservoir Water Quality - Concerns around climate change and higher temperatures changing water quality
- 7. Emerging Contaminants - PFAS and cyanotoxins as examples
- 8. Green Infrastructure - Community and State Level Requirements
- 9. Watershed Land and Aquifer Protection
- 10. One Water- consider all uses of water within the state water plan - not just drinking water impacts