



Working Groups

April 29, 2020

This document contains a brief description of the roles and responsibilities of the Working Groups (WG) in the development of the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan). It also describes the WG structure, high-level topic areas that each WG will discuss, and meeting frequency.

Roles and Responsibilities

WG members will be expected to:

- Assist consultant team with relevant strategic plan information by:
 - Responding to consultant-team ‘homework/discussion’ questions
 - Highlighting key data sources and reference documents
- Assist the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee (SPAC) in strategic plan development by:
 - Identifying, researching, and analyzing potential actions.
 - Formulating draft recommendations for consideration by the SPAC.

Working Group Structure and High-level Topic Areas

Each WG will focus on a sub-set of topics, as outlined below. All WGs will explore climate impacts, water timing (seasonality), flood control, economic impacts, recreation, and livability.

Phase I	
Water Supply Needs [Out of stream demands]	Ecological Function [Instream Water Demands]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Municipal ▶ Rural-domestic ▶ Commercial/Industrial ▶ Agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fish and wildlife ▶ Instream flow ▶ Riparian ▶ Habitat ▶ Water quality ▶ Recreation and quality of life
Studies, Monitoring, and Data	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Updated water rights evaluation ▶ Bi-state flow study ▶ Touchet River habitat assessment ▶ USGS bi-state groundwater study ▶ Water supply and availability (forecasting) ▶ Surface/groundwater interactions ▶ Infrastructure inventory and gap analysis 	



Phase II	
Administrative	Implementation [Water Supply Strategies]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regulatory framework ▶ Financial structure and funding mechanisms ▶ Public engagement ▶ Adjacent processes (Tri-Sovereign talks, Mill Creek GI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) ▶ Managed aquifer recharge (MAR) ▶ Storage/piping/flood control ▶ Source swap ▶ Floodplain/riparian restoration ▶ Wetland enhancement ▶ Fish passage and screening ▶ Water banking/trust water/mitigation ▶ Conservation ▶ Physical and legal protection of water across the OR-WA border
Land Use	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Upland management, dryland agriculture, forests ▶ Urban planning and zoning ▶ Rural planning and zoning 	

Please note the following:

- The Department of Ecology or a representative from another state agency will participate in each Working Group.
- Each Working Group will identify a lead who will be the primary person to communicate with Working Group members and lead the effort to provide completed assignments to the consulting team. The lead will also be expected to attend SPAC meetings to report on progress and challenges.
- Members of the consulting team will attend some but not all Working Group meetings.

Meeting Frequency

We envision the WGs will have independent meeting schedules and frequencies but will generally sequence their work as outlined below. The consulting team will help WGs prepare for meetings by developing “homework/discussion” templates to collect information that will drive SPAC meeting discussions and inform the Strategic Plan.

All stakeholders are encouraged to engage in one or more Phase 1 WGs so we can gather all perspectives early in the strategic plan development process. The Administrative, Land Use, and Implementation WGs will be delayed until Phase 2 until key strategic plan components are developed (e.g. “Current Conditions,” “Desired Future Conditions”) and to reduce the number of meetings.



Proposed Timeline:

- Phase 1 WGs will begin meeting in May and June.
 - Studies, Monitoring, and Data WG will begin meeting the week of May 11th.
 - Water Supply Needs and Ecological Function WGs will begin meeting the week of June 8th.
- Phase 2 WGs (Administrative, Land Use, and Implementation) will begin meeting as needed once the current conditions and desired future conditions are outlined, most likely in late summer or early fall. Reminder: *Members signed up for these WGs are strongly encouraged to participate in a Phase 1 WG so that their perspectives are heard in Phase 1.*

	Phase 1	Phase 2
Studies, Monitoring, and Data WG	Begin meeting to develop initial list of resources, reports, studies, forecasts, plans, etc. to inform the Instream/Out of Stream WGs' work and the "Introduction," and "Watershed Overview" chapters of strategic plan for SPAC consideration.	Continues meeting to identify and synthesize resources and supporting materials as needed.
Water Supply Needs WG	Begin meeting to work on "Current Conditions" and "Desired Future Conditions (DFCs)" chapters of strategic plan (addressing water demand and supply) for SPAC consideration.	Meeting intensively in Phase 1. Members encouraged to move to Implementation WG in Phase 2.
Ecological Function WG	Begin meeting to work on "Current Conditions" and "Desired Future Conditions (DFCs)" chapters of strategic plan (addressing water demand and supply) for SPAC consideration.	Meeting intensively in Phase 1. Members encouraged to move to Implementation WG in Phase 2.
Administrative WG	Not meeting until Phase 2.	Begin meeting as needed to consider institutional drivers/limitations that will influence the strategic plan (e.g., regulatory/legal framework, funding, zoning, etc.). Some items listed for the Administrative Working Group may be addressed by SPAC.
Land Use WG	Not meeting until Phase 2.	Begin meeting as needed to consider institutional drivers/limitations that will influence the strategic plan (e.g., regulatory/legal framework, funding, zoning, etc.).
Implementation WG	Not meeting until Phase 2.	Begin meeting to develop strategies and discuss projects to meet water demand and DFCs for SPAC consideration.



Appendix A: Membership

Membership as of April 24, 2020.

Water Supply Needs [Out of stream demands]		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Municipal ▶ Rural-domestic ▶ Commercial/Industrial ▶ Agriculture 	<i>Alli Newhouse</i> <i>Bill Neve</i> <i>Brenda Bernards</i> <i>Chris Kowitz</i> <i>Chris Pinney</i> <i>Dan Tolleson</i> <i>David Haire</i> <i>Eric Hartwig</i> <i>Frank Nicholson</i> <i>Jeff Dengell</i> <i>Jon Campbell</i> <i>Jonathan Kohr</i> <i>Judith Johnson</i>	<i>Ki Bealey</i> <i>Kristina Ribellia</i> <i>Linda Herbert</i> <i>Mark Grandstaff</i> <i>Mike Ingham</i> <i>Mike Talbott</i> <i>Ron Brown</i> <i>Scott Tarbutton</i> <i>Steven Patten</i> <i>Sue Kahle</i> <i>Tom Scribner</i> <i>Travis Trumbull</i>
Ecological Function [Instream Water Demands]		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fish and wildlife ▶ Instream flow ▶ Riparian ▶ Habitat ▶ Water quality ▶ Recreation and quality of life 	<i>Anton Chiono</i> <i>Brandy Reynecke</i> <i>Chris Pinney</i> <i>Colleen Fagan</i> <i>Gary James</i> <i>Jeremy Sikes</i> <i>John Foltz</i> <i>Jonathan Kohr</i> <i>Judith Johnson</i>	<i>Mark Grandstaff</i> <i>Patrick Cabbage</i> <i>Ralph Perkins</i> <i>Scott Tarbutton</i> <i>Sean Thurston</i> <i>Stephen Ranson</i> <i>Sue Kahle</i> <i>Teresa Kilmer</i>
Land Use		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Upland management, dryland agriculture, forests ▶ Urban planning and zoning ▶ Rural planning and zoning 	<i>David Haire</i> <i>Jon Campbell</i> <i>Lauren Bromley</i> <i>Mark Grandstaff</i> <i>Mark Wachtel</i>	<i>Michael Fredrickson</i> <i>Roland Schirman</i> <i>Scott Tarbutton</i> <i>Sean Thurston</i> <i>Sue Kahle</i>
Administrative		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regulatory framework ▶ Financial structure and funding mechanisms ▶ Public engagement ▶ Adjacent processes (Tri-Sovereign talks, Mill Creek GI) 	<i>Chris Kowitz</i> <i>Chris Marks</i> <i>Jeff Dengel</i> <i>Mark Wachtel</i> <i>Melissa Downes</i>	<i>Michael Fredrickson</i> <i>Mike Ingham</i> <i>Ron Brown</i> <i>Sue Kahle</i> <i>Jaime Short</i>
Studies, Monitoring, and Data		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Water rights evaluation ▶ Bi-state flow study 	<i>Anton Chiono</i> <i>Bill Neve</i>	<i>Llyn Doremus</i> <i>Mark Grandstaff</i>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Touchet River habitat assessment ▶ USGS bi-state groundwater study ▶ Water supply and availability (forecasting) ▶ Surface/groundwater interactions ▶ Infrastructure inventory and gap analysis 	<p><i>Chris Kowitz</i> <i>Colleen Fagan</i> <i>Dave Haire</i> <i>Jen Woody</i> <i>Joe Kemper</i> <i>John Foltz</i> <i>Jon LaMarche</i> <i>Jonathan Kohr</i></p>	<p><i>Mike Ingham</i> <i>Patrick Cabbage</i> <i>Rick Valentine</i> <i>Scott Tarbutton</i> <i>Steven Patten</i> <i>Sue Kahle</i> <i>Teresa Kilmer</i></p>
Implementation [Water Supply Strategies]		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) ▶ Managed aquifer recharge (MAR) ▶ Storage/piping/flood control ▶ Source swap ▶ Floodplain/riparian restoration ▶ Wetland enhancement ▶ Fish passage and screening ▶ Water banking/trust water/mitigation ▶ Conservation ▶ Physical and legal protection of water across the OR-WA border 	<p><i>Chris Beard</i> <i>Frank Nicholson</i> <i>Gary James</i> <i>Jaime Short</i> <i>Jeff Dengel</i> <i>Jeremy Sikes</i> <i>John Foltz</i> <i>Jon Hooper</i> <i>Karl Rains</i> <i>Ki Bealey</i></p>	<p><i>Llyn Doremus</i> <i>Lynn Schmidt</i> <i>Mark Wachtel</i> <i>Melissa Downes</i> <i>Patrick Cabbage</i> <i>Ron Brown</i> <i>Sue Kahle</i> <i>Teresa Kilmer</i> <i>Travis Trumbull</i></p>