

**WRIA 8 WREC: Policy Recommendations from 2/27 meeting**

Policy/Regulatory Action Recommendation	Level of Interest (# of times on sticky note)
<b>Increase water service connection:</b> strengthen requirements for new homes to connect to water service (timely & reasonable language), require/incentives for homes that connect to decommission wells, incentives for homes to connect. Example: CWD's code language	12
<b>Education/outreach/incentives for water conservation:</b> native/drought-tolerant plants, rainwater storage for irrigation, etc. Funded through NRCS?	5
<b>Metering permit-exempt wells:</b> policy could include just new wells or also existing wells; could be voluntary or mandatory.	4
<b>Expand water service infrastructure:</b> funding to expand Group A water system infrastructure to connect existing PE well users and new development. Could come from PE well fees.	4
<b>Improve Ecology well tracking:</b> Improve the Ecology well log database to include GPS coordinates, link records for new and decommissioned wells, identify permit-exempt wells.	4
<b>Increase enforcement of existing state regs:</b> Funding for Ecology to increase enforcement of existing water use requirements. Includes enforcement of reduced water use during drought.	3
<b>Plan implementation:</b> Funding/legislative authority for Ecology to implement the WRE plan	2
Stormwater management: requirements tied to stream enhancement.	1
Disallow grandfathered development permit applications. Require all development meet current standards.	1
Encourage water reuse/recycling	1
Water conservation impact fees against developers who cause expansion of water district/purveyor	1
Require hookups within 200 ft of waterbody.	1
Increased enforcement of county requirements related to water service connection.	1
Well consolidation: reduce amount of water purveyors can add to water right when decommissioning a PE well (currently 850 gpd)	1
Reduce lawn size limit	1
Connect to counties planning policies & comp plans.	1
Fund a study to prioritize areas for acquisition and land use/density considerations.	1
Adaptive management -- provide trigger/stick if offsets not met.	1
coordinate with federal agencies to normalize hydrograph from dams & reservoirs	1
create a water bank	1
Incentivize efficient irrigation transition -- residential and agricultural.	1
stream gauging	1
tree retention	1