WRIA 10 Policy and Regulatory Ideas

Votes	Questions	Notes	Next Step
Use a centralized database for tracking project implementation			
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Does this have a champion?	Potentially a better fit for adaptive management than policy/regulatory recommendations May require asking the Legislature for additional funding for Ecology or WDFW to implement this	WDFW is working on developing something like this across all watersheds
Update the Ecology Well Log Data	base	1	
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Does this have a champion?	Potentially a better fit for adaptive management than policy/regulatory recommendations Some information isn't required on well logs and can't be obtained without changing regulations. Blanks could be filled in for what is reported to Ecology May require asking the Legislature for additional funding for Ecology or WDFW to implement this Policy/regulatory ask — not just data (should be clarified in how this is described)	Coordinate with other WRIAS – potentially has broad interest

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Enhance enforcement by State sta	ff of existing and proposed regulation	ons	
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Does this have a champion?	Make the language clear that this would require legislative funding and possibly regulatory change Interest in this from other committees Expanding enforcement and adding dedicated staff for enforcement Sullivan Creek Case – case law that Ecology can't enforce without adjudication	Work group to go over the regulations and come up with recommendations. Could go beyond this watershed. Coordinate with other watersheds – see what they are proposing in this area

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Establish Incentive programs for water conservation				
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Does this have a champion?	Needs to be fleshed out a lot — what does this mean? Who would be responsible for leading this type of incentive program? How is it funded? A lot of water utilities are already doing conservation. We would want this to be more specific to exempt well users — targeted to them. Purview of the Conservation District? Might be something to talk with Conservation Commission about — approach that could applied across the board. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department should be contacted about this as well.	Allan will contact Allison at Conservation Commission to see who there is working on this. Rebecca or Dan will contact TPCHD (can engage Merita as well) Following those contacts – form a workgroup to flesh this out more? CD would be willing to participate.	
Build structure for plan implement	entation to support adaptive manager	nent		
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Does this have a champion?	Reword in order to fit under policy/regulatory recommendations. Shouldn't be local jurisdictions with the administrative burden. Ask to the Legislature to have Ecology organize this effort.	Pursue collaboration with other watershed groups	

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Expand research on ways to make use of excess winter stream flows to increase aquifer recharge and groundwater storage				
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Should this be an action, rather than a policy recommendation? Does this have a champion?	Instead of researching ways of holding winter stream flows, we should instead think of ways to preserve aquifer recharge areas and wetlands. Focus on protecting what we do have before pursuing big MAR projects. Could be part of climate change/resilience component of the plan. Need to be more specific on what this looks like practically – expanded critical areas? Changes to aquifer protection regulations? Could potentially include land acquisition to protect existing resources	Put on the agenda for the technical workgroup to discuss	

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Review fees for permit-exempt and non-permit-exempt wells for equity/balance				
	What would any increase in fees go toward? Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Does this have a champion?	Unclear what the recommendation is – for the workgroup to review fees? To change the fee structure? What do we mean by equity and balance? Need more education on this before we can include it We should be reviewing fees now, and potentially put a recommendation for changes in fees into the plan. Concern about increasing the fee Unclear what the current \$500 fee is used for. Need more specifics. A recommendation like this would need to go through rule making.	Get a presentation about what the fees are for permit and notpermit exempt wells – at the full committee. Potentially go to the work group after that if there are technical details to dive into. Rebecca due research at Ecology to get more clarity on the fees we have been collecting thus far.	
Incentivize drilling of deeper wells to protect shallow aquifers				
	What incentives?			
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan?			
	Does this have a champion?			

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Ease restoration regulations in the County/local jurisdictions or reduce policy barriers to restoration			
	Determine what recommendations can be included in the plan within the mandated timeframe. Does this have a champion?		
Change the gallon per day withdra of 5,000 gpd)	wal limit (decrease both the stream	flow restoration law limit of 950 gp	d and the groundwater code limit
	Does anyone have concerns with including this in the plan? Does this have a champion?		
Restrict the number of watering da	ays		
	How would this be enforced? Needs more discussion before it can be included in the plan or dismissed. Who is the right group to discuss this further?		
Revise or modify the in-stream flow rules – ensure that instream flows are enforced, modify limits if needed for habitat and animal use.			
	Is anyone interested in including this in the plan? If not, can we remove it from the list?		

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Allow water suppliers to augment flows during critical conditions without the quantity counting against the supplier's water rights			
	Needs more discussion before it can be included in the plan or dismissed. Who is the right group to discuss this further?		
Encourage smaller lot sizes (where	appropriate in the UGA)		
	How would smaller lot sizes be encouraged? Is anyone interested in including this in the plan? If not, can we remove it from the list?		
Metering PE wells, at least as a pilo	ot project.		
	Could the recommendation be to have Ecology pursue this, as opposed to individual jurisdictions? Does anyone have concerns about including this in the plan? Who is the right group to discuss this further?		Add to next workgroup agenda. Invite a representative from TPCHD as part of the conversation.
	Does this have a champion?		

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Require well pumps that limit usage, need to ensure water for firefighting is available if needed			
	How would this be enforced?		
	How would people get the technology?		
	Is anyone interested in including this in the plan?		
	If not, can we remove it from the list?		