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Principles_Support: Strongly Support

Goal1_Support: Strongly Support

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Support: Neutral

Goal2_Comments: If a science based approach is taken to protect streams, teh grousp above may be consulted but should not have much influence over decisions. The wording using flexibility suggests that protection mechanisms could be over-ruled in the future for short term thinking.

Goal2_Options: Shared

GovernanceFundingSolutions: At a basic human level water is a resource shared by and vital to all residents so it should be funded from provincial tax revenue. However in order to encourage conservation, stacked usage fees (with a free minimum for basic use) should explored. Metering should be introduced to aid the process and would result at least at a municipal level, in a reasonable payback if people do not use treated water to wash their driveways down.

Accountability: It should done by impartial, non-local decision maker though allowing local people to state their case

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: By giving people some measure of control they may feel more control and act to protect it more. However, local control can often end up with decisions being made with only local perspective that does not see the whole picture of water stewardship.

Goal3_Support: Disagree

Goal3_Comments: I agree with 3 and 4 and think that in 1 encouraging efficiency of water in general is good. What is the reference to "natural resource" mean? Also in 2, those are often competing priorities. Ultimately, for a water resource to be available for the long term, the environmental need must come first.

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

PermittedUseConsiderations: Minimium environmental stream flows. Drinking water requirements. Efficiency with which water is being used.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Document impacts

Flexibility_Support: Support

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process

Goal4_Support: Strongly Support

Thresholds_Comments: Does the extraction rate not have to reflect local geological, hydrological, and climatic conditions? Perhaps the extraction rates have to be set with these factors in mind.

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: The basic survival of humans and other species supported by sufficient access to water in the long term must supercede all business and cosmetic uses.

AffectOnCommunity: We currently have a lot of surface water but I imagine it could end up in costs savings from efficiency and allow sufficient water to supply future population growth. The protection of streams riparian areas related to development seems to be effective.

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: Science based limits that invite stakeholders to come up with their own solutions to reach those limits. Water consumption in all sectors should be made as public as possible to provide for real discussion.

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: If they are done using predicted demand and changes related to climate change etc.

WhatHaveWeMissed: Education on impacts of water use and that is not an unlimited resource as many think.