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Principles_Support: Neutral

Principles_Comments: it seems to me that the decision for govt to change all the existing regulations concerning water use has already taken place without real public consultation. the 4 leading principles never mention historical rights,uses or compensation for the surrender of those rights when the new regs become law. I believe its neccesary for improvement but why is govt use always excluded from these regs

Goal1_Support: Support

Goal1_Comments: why is there a need to enhance habitat and riparian area provisions

EnviroFlow_Comments: do you honestly believe the govt would reserve the right not to make exceptions

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Consider

DecisionMaker_Comments: there has to be flexibility. again,just because a biologist recommends something doesnt neccesarily mean that person is correct on their assumption. the govt needs public imput in these decisions

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: when there is a finite amount of water that must be shared with multiple users

DumpingProhibition: Amend

DumpingProhibition_Comments: again, there needs to be more consultation with the public in what should be allowed into our streams and waterways.

Goal2_Support: Strongly Support

Goal2_Options: Shared

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: all

Accountability: that a detailed framework be developed and agreed apon by all parties

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: we all share in the benefits of the resource

Goal3_Support: Support

Goal3_Comments: who is determining the stream health

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Review rules for transfer and apportionment

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

PermittedUseConsiderations: small wells for personal use

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Self-register wells

Flexibility_Support: Support

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Sharing

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Water Management Planning upon request

Goal4_Support: Support

Goal4_Comments: who determines critical areas

Thresholds_Comments: what is the conversion of m3 how many litres or acre ft

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: public consultation at the local level

AffectOnCommunity: our district water system will probably be more regulated than in the past, not for health reasons but because we live on a gravel bed and use more water than other juristictions

Improve_InterestsTakenIntoAccount: more public meetings at the local level including local govt

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: all stakeholders including local govt

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: if we can continue to conserve our water resourses and improve the ways we use water

WhatHaveWeMissed: the need for more dams and water storage facilities. these structures come with many challenges both environmentally and financially but if the climate is truly changing we will have more unpredictable weather patterns with sporatic rainfall and violent storms when an entire months rainfall could fall in 24 hrs. to protect our major water supplies we may have to build more reserviors