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Principles_Support: Strongly Support

Goal1_Support: Strongly Support

Goal1_Comments: hydrological connectivity needs to be better protected. The impacts of land based activities on stream health, such as stormwater diversion, should be better regulated.

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: In any area with multiple interests in water use.

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Support: Strongly Support

Goal2_Comments: Province needs to provide strong fiscal and technical support to agencies, so authority is real and also to help share info and not reinvent the wheel.

Goal2_Options: Delegated

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: Scale with greatest interconnections amongst local governments - eg. OBWB covers all municpalitie/regional districts connected by Okanagan Basin water flows

Accountability: RDNO situation where city of Vernon is appealing arbitrators decison while other parties attempt to go fwd in good faith is a bad example. ArbitrAtion should've Led to a process for resolving the disputed issues, instead of returning the parties back to the same positions they started in but with legal bills and more firmly entrenched opposing positions.

Goal3_Support: Support

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: While a code will help improve certainty, flexibility to improve upon stadards set forth in the code is important for encouraging innovation.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Combine admin and efficiency

Flexibility_Support: Strongly Support

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Water Management Planning upon request

WaterScarcityPermanent_Comments: Planning must look at how to address distribution during scarcity (wmp process) put also suggest how to avoid scarcity through DSM tools like xeriscaping regulations.

Goal4_Support: Disagree

Goal4_Comments: All withdrawls should be regulated

Thresholds_Options: 500+100

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

WhatHaveWeMissed: Need stronger regulation of municipal land use impacts on watershed (both effects of development on water demand and on hydrological connectivity). Need provincial support for research into policies that will help municipalities reduce their hydrological footprint, and incentives (grants, tax breaks) for implementing those policies.