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Principles_Support: Support

Goal1_Support: Support

Goal1_Comments: The devil is in the details, more detail is needed.

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

DecisionMaker_Comments: Water is a resource that is becoming a major concern due to climate change, overconsumption and pollution of aqufers, Stricter environmental regulations are needed as well a close working relationships with envirnomentally oriented monitoring of all factors affecting the water supply.

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: It should be a federal concern to ensure Canada wide preservation of the resource, but provinicially it should cover the entire province and cover water that flows into the province.

DumpingProhibition: Amend

DumpingProhibition_Comments: completer prohibition of dumping with heavy fines and possible jail time, public identification of offenders and more resources to enforcement.

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Comments: Everyone living in British Columbia is a stakeholder, many are wasters of water due to lack of quantity based pricing.

Goal2_Options: Shared

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: All areas shown, the entire province

GovernanceFundingSolutions: Tax on water usage, heavy fines for pollution but grants and tax credits for water conservation

Accountability: total transparency, arms length dispute resolution

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: provides a listening for all stakeholders as we are all stakeholders and with increasing population water will become a scarce resource.

Goal3_Support: Strongly Support

Goal3_Comments: The legistation must have enforcement teeth, pollution and waste is no longer acceptable.

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: Water metering and tax on a sliding scale of increases, penalties for waste and tax incentives and grants for conservation including building design, use of greywater and rainwater, xeriscaping

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use consistent

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

AdministrativeEfficiency_Comments: Water is a resource for all, no favouritism for anyone.

PermittedUseConsiderations: Water is a precious resource, all uses should require a permit and regulations, industry should be encouraged to reuse water even if remediation is required.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Combine admin and efficiency

AdminEfficiencyWaterUse_Comments: a combination of the preceding, monitoring reporting and compliance with regulations are necessary.

Flexibility_Support: Strongly Support

Flexibility_Comments: Flexibility should not be equated with abuse and permission to waste and/ or pollute.

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityTemporary_Comments: Some uses of water are more important, drinking water being the highest.

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process

Goal4_Support: Strongly Support

Thresholds_Comments: based on availability and sensitivity of supply.

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

PriorityAreas_Comments: Where water is scarce or becoming scarce priority should be given to conservation and higher penalties for waste and/ or pollution.

FedAndProvLegIntegration: Should be part of an overall environmental policy.

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: monitoring and measurement, what is the extent of our resources and what is the quality of the water?

AffectOnCommunity: New Westminster used to have mechanical water meters probably

in the 1940s, meters are used in multi tenant structures but should be instituted city wide as a flat rate encourages many to waste water and does not reward conservation.

Improve_InterestsTakenIntoAccount: There continues to be reports of illegal dumping and stream pollution, stiffer penalites and monitoring are required.

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: Environmental groups and streamkeepers should be involved.

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: Awareness programs.