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Principles_Support: Neutral

Principles_Comments: I cannot argue with the first 4 principles.

But, the most basic principles are:

- BC's water belongs to the people of BC and must continue to belong to the people of BC. It cannot be sold or rented to private enterprises ..ever.

- BC's water must be managed in the interest of the people of BC and never in the interest of private enterprise.

I am apprehensive about principle 5: In no event should BC's water be managed to enhance BC's business climate.

- There must be strict and enforceable rules to combat groundwater exploitation: Aquifer depletion and on sharing shared aquifers equitably.

Principle 7 sounds like an oxymoron. Our water is our heritage and we must shield it from exploitation by investors.

Principle 9: No run-of-river development projects whatsoever.

Principle 10: No new hydroelectric projects without massive support by all parties affected.

Goal1_Support: Support

Goal1_Comments: In objective 2, environmental flows must trump consumptive flows.

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

DecisionMaker_Comments: Above all else, the Comptroller of Water Rights must work towards the protection and conservation of streams, rivers and aquifers, above all else and ensure that no one get a free or cheap ride from these.

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: Any water removed from a stream, river or aquifer must be returned in equal or better condition.

DumpingProhibition: Amend

DumpingProhibition_Comments: Penalties that are sufficiently harsh to pay for

restoration plus, discourage further abuse.

Goal2_Support: Neutral

Goal2_Comments: The first objective of governance must be the protection and restoration of streams, rivers and aquifers. There must be transparency in governance and checks and balances to ensure that this is always the case. The style of governance is less important that the effectiveness in protection and restoration of streams, rivers and aquifers.

Goal2_Options: Centralized

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: All.

GovernanceFundingSolutions: Public

Accountability: All discussions, recommendations, decisions must be public with severe penalties for failure to disclose.

Goal3_Support: Neutral

Goal3_Comments: There should be very little flexibility in water usage. Use of water must be seen as a costly privilege, not as a right.

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Government determines actual needs

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Review rules for transfer and apportionment

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use consistent

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

AdministrativeEfficiency_Comments: There must be checks and balances and enforcement of compliance.

PermittedUseConsiderations: A license should always be required. Water licenses should expire every year, with no expectation of automatic renewal. Users would have to apply every year for water licenses and these should be distributed to the best stewards of the streams rivers and aquifers.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Report well levels

AdminEfficiencyWaterUse_Comments: All groundwater users must report well levels and their well depth may not exceed the depth stated in their license.

Flexibility_Support: Neutral

Flexibility_Comments: License holders must share the responsibility for preserving and enhancing streams, rivers and aquifers.

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Sharing

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Water Management Planning upon request

Goal4_Support: Support

Thresholds_Comments: Large should be considered any amount that will result in measurable changes to the aquifer.

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas