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Principles_Support: Disagree

Principles_Comments: The process needs to be developed through a transparent participatory process.
ie the use of a Wiki, not a survey where there is a lack of ability for citizens to build on each other's suggestions.

Goal1_Support: Support

Goal1_Comments: Why was this not in place before the water licenses were sold and BC Hydro was ripped away from the citizens?
www.saveourrivers.ca has been doing a great deal of lobbying for the public and to have our government act in such a laggard fashion is not driving sustainable practices.

EnviroFlow: Guidelines

EnviroFlow_Comments: Environmental flow needs to take into account the natural factors which change with climate and weather, priorities and changing needs/values.

WaterAllocationPlan: Optional

DecisionMaker_Comments: How constrained will Canadians be regarding water in relation to NAFTA?

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: national needs, not being driven by over-consumption and wasteful practices of our neighbours to the south.

DumpingProhibition_Comments: Stream health must be safeguarded.....penalties for dumping fail to build sustainable streams. Increasing mechanisms to protect. Society has to protect, not remediate pollution.

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Comments: we are all connected and hence participatory governance is necessary to truly have successful governance.

Goal2_Options: Shared

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: The benefits will be such that everyone understands the value of water to achieve a healthy, sustainable world.

Goal3_Support: Support

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: Increasing costs to the consumer only creates a greater divide between the rich and the poor.
Educating the masses - that means gov't does not cut back in areas of importance as we are currently experiencing. ie. why cutback library services during a recession when people have more time on their hands to learn?

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Voluntary self-registration

AdministrativeEfficiency_Comments: Corporations cannot be allowed to continue to do what they've been doing with water supplies.

PermittedUseConsiderations: Ditto from above.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Combine admin and efficiency

Flexibility_Support: Support

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

Goal4_Support: Support

Thresholds_Comments: Thresholds change also when withdrawals of neighbouring groundwater levels are factored into the equation. Dealing with the problem in isolation of what's connected, is unsustainable.

PriorityAreas_Options: Trans-boundary

PriorityAreas_Comments: we know the usa'ers are after Cdn water resources....

FedAndProvLegIntegration: The federal reg's much be updated and any changes must then be addressed in a timely manner with other levels of gov't.

AffectOnCommunity: They're coming too late.

Improve_InterestsTakenIntoAccount: Future public participation needs to take place through the use of Wikis.
Having public input in isolation without the ability for citizens to build on each others' ideas is not going to create the best possible solutions.

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: Transparency and more openness with government without corporations driving the agendas for government.

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: I regret to advise the path for an unsustainable world takes place every minute.

WhatHaveWeMissed: Much of the actions today are politically motivated....too little, too late.
Much of what we know today could have been acted upon years ago.