

**MEETING SUMMARY – Call #2**  
**Water Resources and Quality (Freshwater) Preparation/Adaptation Work Group**  
**Water PAWG**  
**August 9, 2007, 10AM-12PM**

**ATTENDENCE****1. Water PAWG Members:**

- a. Tom Laurie, WA Dept of Ecology (Lead)
- b. Mo McBroom, WA Env Council (for Rod Brown)
- c. Jon Culp, WA State Conservation Commission (for Mark Clark)
- d. Denise Clifford, WA Dept of Health
- e. Ginny Stern, WA Dept of Health
- f. Michael Garrity, American Rivers
- g. Dave Monthie, King County
- h. Tom Myrum, WA State Water Resources Assoc.
- i. Carl Samuelson, WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- j. Jane Banyard, WA DFW
- k. John Stuhlmiller, WA Farm Bureau
- l. Mike Petersen, The Lands Council
- m. Tom Ring, Yakama Nation Water Program
- n. Alex McGregor, McGregor Company
- o. Paul Fleming, Seattle Public Utilities
- p. Marketa McGuire, UW Climate Impacts Group
- q. Hal Schlomann, WA Association of Sewer and Water Districts

**2. Agency and Support:**

- a. Brian Walsh, WA Dept of Ecology
- b. Nancy Tosta, Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.
- c. Andy Chinn, Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

1. Agenda: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/PAWGdocs/wr/80907WPAgenda.pdf>
2. Summary of Call June 29<sup>th</sup>: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat\\_pawg\\_wr.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_pawg_wr.htm)

**DISCUSSION AND KEY ISSUES:**

1. **Nancy Tosta reviewed the status of the PAWG and purpose of this and upcoming meetings (September 14 call and October 9<sup>th</sup> face-to-face).** The purpose of today's meeting is to further refine and clarify the "Actions and Criteria" document. It will be redistributed to the PAWG after the meeting for each PAWG member to populate with their rankings on the various actions. The responses will be compiled by Ross & Associates to develop a prioritized list that will form the basis for further discussion. This is not intended to be a prioritized list of actions for recommendations at this point,

but only for additional discussion. During the call on September 14<sup>th</sup> PAWG members will review the list, identify topics of interest, and be assigned to draft language describing in more detail the potential recommended actions. These will be discussed during the October face-to-face meeting. Additionally, the Scenario Team will meet over the next few weeks, and plans to present some scenario ideas on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The PAWG may decide to incorporate some of the ideas from the Scenario Team into the action discussions.

2. **Review of the initial meeting of the Scenario Team.** The Scenario Team conducted preliminary brainstorming about factors that are potential drivers affecting the future. The initial list was characterized under headings of biophysical, socio-economic, institutional, climate, and water supply factors. The list was cross-checked against the issues that the full PAWG had discussed previously to make sure that nothing was missed. The Scenario Team will use the list to develop story-lines for scenarios. Those factors that are important, but uncertain will form the basis for developing scenarios.
3. **The Water PAWG discuss the “Actions and Criteria” list.** The discussion resulted in PAWG members offering the following suggestions:
  - a. Action #18: “Promote more water efficient crops”, was seen as limiting; PAWG members suggested an additional action such as “Work with families and land grant scientists to encourage adoption of more efficient water conservation equipment.”
  - b. Add examples of specific actions in order to clarify broad suggestions.
  - c. The term “actionable” should be clarified or replaced with a better term.
  - d. Add an action under the planning category that ensures preparation/adaptation work will continue after the PAWG has finished its work: “Explore/study ways by which the state can look at ongoing policy options/adaptive strategies.”
  - e. Action #2 should read “Redefine drought to better address more frequent events and create a way to release funds sooner”. Right now the process for declaring a drought and drought response is cumbersome and won’t reflect the situation under climate change.
  - f. Add flooding to the drought action; also need to look at a similar set of actions with respect to flooding. Some areas are going to experience more flooding and some are going to experience more drought.
  - g. “Explore new water storage options” and “Explore groundwater recharge options” are two separate issues.
  - h. There is a lack of watershed-specific data that will be important to have in order to attempt to define the problem and prescribe solutions on a watershed scale. We need to have an item under “Planning” that addresses this.

#### **NEXT STEPS AND AGREEMENTS:**

1. Ross & Associates will embed the agenda for future meetings in reminder e-mails so that PAWG members will have it on hand.
2. Mo McBroom will e-mail the specific language of her suggestion to Ross & Associates.
3. Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - PAWG members will send additional comments to Ross & Associates.

4. August 13: Ross & Associates will e-mail the updated “Actions and Criteria” spreadsheet to PAWG members to make sure that all of their ideas are captured accurately.
5. Aug 14, COB: PAWG members will send their comments back by close of business on August 14.
6. Aug 15 - Ross & Associates will e-mail the final spreadsheet to PAWG members
7. Aug 17 - PAWG members will e-mail comments on draft meeting summary and draft list of factors from the Scenario Team.
8. Aug 27 - PAWG members will e-mail the populated spreadsheet to Ross & Associates
9. Sept 10 - Ross & Associates will compile the spreadsheet responses and e-mail to the PAWG in preparation for the Sept 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The Water PAWG will meet on Friday, September 14, 2007 10AM-12PM.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-3PM, Place TBD

Wednesday, November 7 (Conference Call)

Tuesday, December 4 (Conference Call)