

## Ground Rules & Discussion of Process

- Report due to the Governor and legislative committees on December 1
- The workgroup should strive for general agreement and include the minority views within the report. If the workgroup gets to common ground, that will be captured in the report and if someone feels strongly, their view can also be included in the report. Suggestion was made that if permit exempt wells are the bigger issue then the report should reflect that.
- There was a request for recorded votes
- General agreement as opposed to consensus, although there is a need to get close to consensus.
- The focus of the workgroup is limited to stock watering, but there is concern about the broader issue of water scarcity, a need to look at all the ways exempt wells are used, and a need to ensure that information is presented in a balanced and full way.
- The workgroup discussed the possibility of subcommittees.
- The workgroup needs to discuss creating a work plan for the group
  - o Work plan should include areas that the workgroup needs researched, possible tours, and potential briefings.
- Future meetings:
  - o Suggestion of one a month
  - o Suggestion of up to 6 meetings
  - o Suggestion about having meetings in Eastern Washington and Northwest Washington