

**Policy Advisory Group**  
**Proposed Decision-Making Process and Meeting Protocols**

draft based on 1/19/10 PAG comments, dated 2/18/10

**Proposed Decision-Making Process**

- A. The Policy Advisory Group agrees that consensus has a high value and that the Group should strive to achieve it. When possible, decisions on Policy Advisory Group recommendations will be made by consensus of all present participating members. Consensus means the willingness to go along with recommendations, either in active support of it or in not opposing it.
- B. The commitment to work for consensus means that members will participate in the give and take of the process in a way that seeks to understand the interests of all and will work together to find solutions workable for all.
- C. If no consensus is reached on an issue, the meeting notes will so note. In addition, the notes will describe the differing views, and note whether a majority held a particular position. These notes will be forwarded to the Directors of the Water Resources Department, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, the Water Resources Commission, and on-line community.
- D. Agreements made on parts of recommendations will be considered tentative until the full recommendation is put together.
- E. While consultation and information sharing with employers and affiliate organizations is welcome and valuable, individual Policy Advisory Group members function as citizen members and do not speak for nor formally represent their employers or membership associations.
- F. The Project Team and facilitator will draft meeting reports that outline the issues discussed, the areas in which there is consensus, and any remaining issues on which consensus was not reached. Members will have the opportunity to review, make corrections, and then sign-off on the meeting report.
- G. The Oregon Water Resources Department will be responsible for writing the final Integrated Water Resources Strategy.

## **Proposed Meeting Protocol**

- A. All meetings of the Policy Advisory Group will be open to public attendance.
- B. At the close of each meeting, the facilitator may allow time for public comment, taking into consideration the length of the agenda and the opportunity for Policy Advisory Group members to speak on all issues.
- C. Members will treat each other with respect throughout the process. They will listen to each other to seek to understand each other's perspective, even if they disagree. One person will speak at a time. Members will participate fully in letting the group know their perspective on issues, their concerns, and their differing points of view. At the same time, members will respect time constraints and will share the speaking time with others.
- D. All members act in good faith in all aspects of these discussions. This includes being honest and refraining from undertaking any actions that will undermine or threaten this process.
- E. Members shall make every effort to bring all aspects of their concerns about these issues into this process to be addressed. Members shall refrain from generating controversy in the press and from publicly criticizing or misstating the positions taken by any other participants during the process.
- F. All Policy Advisory Group members agree to maintain the respectful tone of the meetings outside the formal meetings, including all email correspondence. Any reporting to constituents, the media, or other parties will focus on issues and not individuals.
  - a. Members are reminded that all e-mail messages should be considered public documents.
  - b. E-mails meant for the entire group will be distributed via the Project Team.
- G. All participation in this process is voluntary and may be withdrawn. However, members agree that before withdrawing they will discuss the reason for their withdrawal with the facilitator and the other members and will give the Project Team the opportunity to understand the reasons for withdrawal and to encourage continued participation, if appropriate.

**Draft PAG Vision**  
**(from 1/19/10 discussion)**

Assuming Oregon's first and subsequent Integrated Water Resources Strategies will be successful, the IWRS Policy Advisory Group has looked 50 years into the future and offers the following vision, describing the water resources of Oregon:

*“Everywhere in Oregon, we see healthy waters, able to support a healthy economy and healthy lifestyles.”*

Healthy waters...are abundant and clean. They include fully functioning aquifers, estuaries, wetlands, forests, flood plains, and river systems.

A Healthy economy... includes agricultural communities that produce food, fiber, and essential materials for the world's people, communities with healthy fish runs, and vibrant industries.

Healthy lifestyles...depend on adequate and reliable water supplies for public health and safety, recreation, and sport.