

Policy Advisory Group
Proposed Decision-Making Process and Meeting Protocols
draft based on 4/14/10 PAG comments

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 without attributing comments to specific members. The notes will describe the differing views, and note whether a majority held a particular position.
- 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 notes 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 meeting notes. Meeting notes will be available to Policy Advisory Group members, as part of the official Integrated Water Resources Strategy record, and on-line as part of the Policy Advisory Group webpage.
- 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 Policy Advisory Group Vision
(from 4/14/10 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 sustain a healthy economy and healthy lifestyles.”

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

A Healthy economy... includes production of food, fiber, timber, and other essential materials, as well as healthy fisheries, industries, and urban economies.

[or, Option #2: A healthy economy...is a diverse economy, nurturing and employing the State's natural resources and human capital to meet evolving local and global needs, and ensuring a desirable quality of life in rural as well as urban areas.]

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

Review of Policy Advisory Group's Two-Year Calendar

January 2010 Meeting #1: Orientation

April 2010 Meeting #2: Provide review and feedback on data and research needs

July 2010 Meeting #3: Provide review and feedback on plans and planning efforts

October 2010 Meeting #4: Provide review and feedback on water-related policy, statutes and rules

January 2011 Meeting #5: Provide review and feedback on funding, outreach and education

TBD 2011 Meeting #6: Discuss preliminary recommendations, drawing upon prior Policy Advisory Group discussions and stakeholder and public input

TBD 2011 Meeting #7: Review first draft of IWRS

TBD: Meeting #8: Review and endorse final draft IWRS