



Okanagan Basin
WATER BOARD

Sustainable Water Strategy 2018

Working Session with the
Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
January 11, 2018

Purpose of Working Session

- Update you on progress to date and timeline for completion
- Share key learnings from survey completed in Mar 2017
- Get input from you on:
 - Guiding principles
 - Outline

Progress to Date

- Surveyed OWSC members - Mar 2017
- Analyzed survey results - Apr 2017
- Drafted annotated outline
- Drafted guiding principles
- Met with editorial board - May, Jun, Nov 2017

Timeline for Completion

- Prepare drafts of SWS 2.0 – Jan to Apr
- Council and Board feedback on draft – May
- Finalize text and graphics – Jun & Jul
- Final review by Council – Aug
- Final review by Board – Sep
- Print and distribute – Oct

Key Learnings from Survey

- Only a few actions are no longer relevant
- But, all actions need to be reworded and contextualized
- Need new actions and/or info around WSA (and other legislation), climate change adaptation, mussels, ecosystem services, EFN
- Participants provided a great deal of useful information in their open-ended responses

Guiding Principles

- Philosophies/beliefs/values about water that provide a framework for the strategy
- Simple statements with a short description - concise and targeted
- Questions for you:
 - Have we captured the appropriate principles?
 - Is the tone appropriate for each principle?

Outline

- Road map for the strategy (and to do list)
- Chapters are the key themes
- Sections are action statements - the most important/useful things we can do to achieve the overarching theme
- Questions for you:

Input

- This is a Water Stewardship Council document
- I'll be contacting each of you with specific requests to write or review text
 - Please respond quickly!
- I'll also be reaching out beyond the council
- Preparing an “input plan” to guide me

THANK YOU!

Let's get writing ...



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