

ACTION ITEMS

Water Policy Working Group 2015



Pacific North West
Economic Region

The Water Policy Working Group session at PNWER's Annual Summit saw presentations from many different stakeholders throughout the region. We discussed topics such as Water Supply Planning in a Changing World; Critical Value of Water and Impacts on Public Policy; and Water Compacts: How to Protect Water in States & Provinces. After a rich discussion of current water issues in the region, the following action items were developed. Action items are an important crux in PNWER working groups and lays out our work for the rest of the year. These action items will be built on and completed as we reach our 2016 summit in Calgary.

Action Items		Project Lead	Status
1	Poll PNWER jurisdictions on their current plans relative to improving water security, adaptation of climate change, storage options (note Montana's recently completed plan), identify best practices (legislative, stakeholder engagement, etc.)	PNWER Staff	In progress
2	Connect with universities in the PNWER region to identify research groups/teams with expertise in water research, particularly from water security perspective, climate change and adaptation, etc. -- connect with University Coalition for Water Research (U of L is only Canadian member).	David Hill University of Lethbridge	In progress
3	Poll PNWER jurisdictions on any current research or analysis relative to the value of water to the economy or sectors of the economy for collection and sharing among jurisdictions. Include variances to hydrology.	PNWER Staff	In progress
4	Collect information on the 'current' processes and/or plans to enable the role or viability of water markets to address scarcity, conservation, efficiency and productivity, identify current successes, failures, best practices.	PNWER Staff	In progress
5	Collect information on the current status of how PNWER jurisdictions prevent and/or enable inter-basin transfers of water, options to protect water supplies.	PNWER Staff	In progress

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