

ALBERTA WATER COUNCIL

MEETING #28
June 24, 2010
Leduc, Alberta

Executive Summary

The board received a number of updates at this meeting and also approved terms of reference for two new project teams and the Executive Committee.

A Non-Point Source Pollution Project Team will be established to develop a working definition of non-point source pollution and to prepare recommendations that provide directional advice and propose next steps on how to better manage and reduce non-point source pollution. Another new project team, called Moving from Words to Action, will be created to recommend a strategy to improve coordination and communication among *Water for Life* partners to help them identify and more effectively address strategic priorities.

Statements of opportunity for three new projects were also approved: a Headwaters Protection Strategy, Instream Flow Needs Assessment Guide, and Groundwater Management Framework Guide. These projects will now go onto a short list of potential work to be considered at the October meeting.

The board approved all the components of the 2010-2013 Business Plan, with the exception of the performance measures. Work is continuing on the performance measures and they will be presented for approval at the October meeting.

Board members commended the Irrigation Sector for completing their Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Sector Plan, which was presented at this meeting. The plan contains eight targets and 14 general recommendations; the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association will champion the plan and oversee its implementation.

The board heard updates on the Government of Alberta's progress in identifying aquatic environmentally significant areas as well as progress on the review of the water allocation management system, the wetlands policy and *Water for Life* partnerships. The Alberta Water Research Institute provided an update on its work. The board supported the AWRI's suggestion for a workshop this fall at which the Council could hear about the AWRI's work and the two organizations could consider potential opportunities for collaboration.

Copies of the Council's just-released 2009 annual report were made available to the board.

Finally, the Council acknowledged project manager Lorie Wagner, who is leaving in July, for her excellent service to the organization.

Summary of Discussion

1 Administration

1.1 Welcome and Approve Agenda

Jay White convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Those present introduced themselves. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

1.2 Summary Report from March 26, 2010 meeting

Decision 28.1: The summary report for the March 26, 2010 meeting was adopted by consensus and will be posted on the Council website.

1.3 Action Item from March 26, 2010 Meeting

Gord Edwards addressed the one action item in agenda item 2.

1.4 Executive Director's Report and Project Updates from GoA

Gord directed the board to his report in the briefing package, noting that all of the priority work since the last board meeting will be discussed on today's agenda. Financially, the Council is in good shape, as only about one-third of the 2010 budget has been spent to date. However, as new teams and working groups are formed, expenditures will increase. The executive met in early June and a meeting synopsis is included in the Executive Director's report. With the announced departure of Lorie Wagner, Gord thanked Lorie, on behalf of the Council and staff, for her excellent work over the past four years, both as an Alberta Environment employee and as project manager with the Council. Lorie was presented with a framed print and she expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of dedicated individuals.

Bill Macdonald provided an update from the Government of Alberta (GoA) on several items. The review of the water allocation management system is moving through the GoA process. A consultation package has been prepared with proposed policy changes, and this was provided to the Minister and discussed by the Agenda and Priorities Committee on June 16. The material has now gone to a ministerial working group for consideration, and is scheduled for discussion by the Cabinet Policy Committee fairly shortly. Consultations will be held on this matter following GoA approval.

The wetlands policy was also discussed at Agenda and Priorities Committee on June 16, and it continues to work through the political process. Stakeholder and public engagement will be done following GoA approval, possibly later this year.

Many activities related to partnerships are underway and the GoA will provide a full update at the October AWC meeting. A draft Framework for Watershed Management Planning is being prepared based on the Council's recommendations. The next steps include consultation with the WFL cross-ministry steering committee. A Guide to Watershed Management Planning (companion to the framework) is being developed and WPACs and others will be asked for input on the guide. With respect to funding, AENV is initiating a project to examine sustainable funding mechanisms for both WPACs and airshed zones, to determine which approach will best meet the needs of all partners, including the AWC. A board member suggested that there may be an opportunity to collaborate with CASA to look at sustainable funding issues for both organizations.

2 Executive Committee Terms of Reference

Gord Edwards presented the Executive Committee revised terms of reference (TOR) for approval. Following presentation of the draft TOR to the board in March, the Executive Committee was asked to consider whether there is a need for alternates on this committee. The executive agreed that attendance at its committee meetings is not a concern as members' schedules can be accommodated.

Decision 28.2: The board approved the Executive Committee's terms of reference.

3 Business Planning

Gord Edwards presented an overview of the business plan, noting areas where the executive had made changes since the previous draft. He briefly reviewed the process used to develop the business plan, and then described how the board's input was reflected in the revised draft. More work will be done on the performance measures, which will be presented for approval at the October meeting.

Board members discussed the proposed business plan, starting with Goal 3, Strategy A, which references developing a sustainable funding model for the Council. It was noted that currently, core funding is provided by the GoA, and there has been no indication that this funding will end. Project funding is provided by those stakeholders interested in seeking the advice of the Council on a particular topic. On the subject of financial sustainability, the following comments were made:

- Who we are and who we serve has implications for our funding, so our funding should come from those who ask for our advice.
- As part of board governance, the Council needs to address its fiduciary responsibilities, including long-term funding. It seems prudent to seek opportunities to diversify the funding base.
- A coordinated approach to funding is needed to assess opportunities and determine how the various needs of WFL partners can be coordinated.

Finally, a suggestion was made to amend Goal 1, Strategy C to add "recommendations." WPACs would be asked for their recommendations on how to move ahead with WFL implementation. The intent is not that the Council would become accountable for WPAC recommendations, but if the review committee agreed with them, the recommendations could be incorporated into the report for Council to consider.

Decision 28.3: The board approved the AWC 2010-2013 Business Plan's Vision, Mission, Values, Challenges and Opportunities, Core Businesses, Goals and Strategies, with the following new wording for Goal 1, Strategy C: "Incorporate Watershed Planning and Advisory Council progress, achievements and recommendations in the Council's review."

Ian Montgomerie provided a short overview of performance measures. A key focus is demonstrating success, which means measuring outcomes. He provided several examples. In general, brevity and relatively few measures (4-8) are good features to have in designing a business plan. This forces you to focus on what you really need to know to confirm that you are having the desired effect and achieving success.

Board members engaged in discussion with Dr. Montgomerie, during which the following points were noted:

- When you evaluate outcomes, you make a leap of faith that if you achieve the immediate outcome, you increase the chances of achieving the long-term outcome. Causality is more difficult to show.
- If 100% of the AWC's recommendations are accepted, but we only produce one recommendation every two years, we won't have an impact. But we don't want to do 100 recommendations and have only one accepted.
- Most of this looks like self-evaluation. It would be good to have an opportunity for key stakeholders and others to provide input or do the evaluation.
- The GoA noted that the AWC and the advice it provides are highly valued by the GoA, although sometimes it takes longer than perhaps the GoA might like. Many initiatives are underway now (Land use Framework, Cumulative Effects Management System and others) and all of these need to be integrated. Stakeholder partnerships can be an important part of that integration and the Minister is very supportive of the partnerships. It is a balance between making recommendations at a strategic level, yet providing enough detail to make the strategies meaningful.
- Should the performance measures talk about recommendations "implemented" or "accepted" by the GoA? The Council can't control the timeline for implementation and recommendations are often tied into other initiatives, so we don't want to put ourselves in the position of being measured on GoA performance. At the same time, it is hard to imagine that the GoA would not "accept" AWC recommendations, but if the recommendations are not acted on, they don't mean anything. It was noted that GoA members are on the project teams, so if they agree by consensus to recommendations that are not acted on, that suggests a bigger problem. One approach may be to define what we mean by "implemented" and "accepted."

Action 28.1: Board members will provide any further comments on the draft performance measures by July 31, then staff will refine the measures for review by the executive and they will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

4 Proposed Sustainable Funding Sub-committee

Gord Edwards reviewed the background on this issue, along with the proposed purpose, key tasks, timelines and membership for the sub-committee. This item was for information only, as the sub-committee will be established under the purview of the Executive Committee which will be responsible for determining membership. An update will be provided at the October meeting.

5 Statements of Opportunity

Gord Edwards presented the background and reviewed the overall process for approving statements of opportunity (SOO). Accepting a SOO means that the topic will be put on the Council's short list of potential work to be considered next time a project is chosen. The only decisions to be made at this meeting were whether the project goes onto this "short list." Gord described the five choices that the board could make regarding each SOO, and the four SOOs were then presented to the board, with brief discussion of each. Additional detail on

each SOO was provided in the board briefing book. Those accepted by the board will be revised as necessary and brought back to the October meeting.

Headwaters Protection Strategy

Ron Pearson summarized the rationale and reviewed the origin of the proposal for a Headwaters Protection Strategy. This project involves identifying the criteria for protection, the available means of assessment, potential areas that meet criteria and the method of protection. This project would assist in implementing the Healthy Aquatic Ecosystem element of WFL. The project would look at both water quality and quantity and would be a long-term commitment for protection.

Several board members commented that they supported doing work to clarify the science and explore how to protect headwaters, but that this project would encounter some controversy from those who feel that it could limit growth. It is very much connected with land use planning initiatives. The Council and others also need to consider the potential influence of First Nations claims on water and how that could affect water conservation objectives and instream flow needs.

Decision 28.4: The board accepted the statement of opportunity for a Headwaters Protection Strategy, with minor changes in text to acknowledge that this issue may have some controversy associated with it.

Instream Flow Needs Assessment Guide

Carolyn Campbell described the importance of instream flow needs (IFN) assessment and its importance to watershed management planning. Determining IFN recommendations is a complex and evolving process and recommendations have been made for only a few on Alberta's rivers and streams. A "desktop" IFN model that assesses IFN when only hydrological data are available is in the GoA approval process and should be available for use in the next few months. Developing a guide would support all three WFL goals as well as WFL partnerships.

It was noted that the Alberta Water Research Institute (AWRI) has completed two years of field work and is exploring policy and management tools related to IFNs. This information could be shared to ensure there is no redundancy, and if the SOO proceeds, there could be opportunities to work together.

Decision 28.5: The board accepted the statement of opportunity for an Instream Flow Needs Assessment Guide, with minor adjustments to reflect that the AWRI is completing some work in this area.

Groundwater Management Framework Guide

Lisa Maria Fox presented the background and rationale for the proposal to do a Groundwater Management Framework Guide. Groundwater use by industry and municipalities is increasing and a guide would identify the principles, process and content necessary for building groundwater management frameworks in a consistent manner across the province. This would be an opportunity for a multi-sector group to assess what is working in different places and to share information with the aim of doing a better job in managing this resource. This work relates to all three WFL goals.

The following points were noted in discussing this SOO:

- We want to see a full system approach that would include alluvial aquifers.
- The AWRI will soon finish a high level report on how much water there is in Alberta. Alberta Environment and the Alberta Geological Survey have also done a lot of work in the Edmonton-Calgary corridor. It's time to think about groundwater as part of an overall management system and have a more rigorous appreciation of it.
- One aspect is protection, another is usage and the associated tradeoffs are happening under the land use framework's regional plans. There are other GoA mechanisms to deal with usage, so it may not need to be part of this project.
- Both surface and groundwater are important to rural Alberta, and we need more information about groundwater generally.
- The Council may be challenged to differentiate and unbundle things that are intrinsically connected, like groundwater, IFN, and headwaters. If all of these proceed, the teams will need very explicit guidance. At the same time, however, projects must have a realistic approach – a single project team can't solve all water management issues.

Decision 28.6: The board accepted the statement of opportunity for a Groundwater Management Framework Guide, with minor adjustments to better reflect its linkages with other ongoing work.

Water for Communities

Ron McMullin reviewed the background and rationale for this SOO, which focuses on the anticipated future shortage of water and the lack of documentation on communities now affected, the degree to which they are affected, and projections of those that will be affected in future. This project relates specifically to the WFL goal of safe, secure drinking water. Although existing literature has suggested that future water supply and demand is an important issue across Alberta, it does not identify communities most at risk nor do they outline potential solutions.

The following points were noted in discussing this SOO:

- Water supply is a big issue in the South Saskatchewan River Basin, but other areas could be facing shortages as well.
- At least some of the sector CEP plans are likely to address how much water we have and how much we need.
- Individual communities should be responsible for addressing this issue and being proactive if they are at risk of water shortages.
- There is a clear link between land use planning and water demand. It would be better for this to be addressed at the municipal and regional level through integrated, long-term regional plans.

Decision 28.7: The board agreed that the statement of opportunity for Water for Communities should be directed to another agency to address.

Action 28.2: AWC staff will recommend to the Executive Committee a suitable approach for redirecting the issue of Water for Communities.

6 Non-Point Source Pollution Working Group

Stephanie Neufeld and John Englert presented the proposed terms of reference for a Non-Point Source (NPS) Pollution Project Team. The work will be phased, with the initial task to develop a working definition for NPS pollution. The final report, expected in the fall of 2011, will include recommendations that provide directional advice and next steps on how to better manage and reduce NPS pollution, including consideration of total loading.

The following points emerged in the board's discussion of this item:

- This project has links with CASA and their concerns about nitrogen emissions and eutrophication. It was suggested that staff should inform CASA about work in this new project area.
- There were concerns that Alberta Environment and NRCB were absent from the potential membership list of the project team.
- It was noted that GoA members on a team have support from a cross-ministry team, which includes Alberta Environment, NRCB and other departments. The ERCB was identified due to their involvement with linear disturbances. Membership on the team can be adjusted after the TOR are approved, if necessary.
- The team will look at work done on NPS pollution in other jurisdictions.

Decision 28.8: The board agreed to:

- 1. Approve the proposed Non-Point Source Pollution Project Team Terms of Reference.*
- 2. Approve the creation of the Non-Point Source Pollution Project Team.*
- 3. Disband the Non-Point Source Pollution Working Group.*

7 WFL Partnership Strategy Working Group

Les Gammie and Ethel Ni presented the proposed terms of reference for a project team that will recommend a strategy to improve coordination and communication among *Water for Life* partners so they can identify and more effectively address strategic priorities. They reviewed background and rationale for the team, noting the connection with the work of the Shared Governance project team. The proposed name for the project team is "Moving from Words to Action." A final report is expected in June 2011.

It was suggested that urban municipalities could be added to the team if they are interested. Summer villages are located mainly on lakes and would be concerned with lake management plans, so they may want to participate as well. The focus for this team will be improving communications between the partners, so the team will need to make the final decision on membership.

Decision 28.9: The board agreed to:

- 1. Approve the proposed Moving from Words to Action Project Team Terms of Reference.*
- 2. Approve the creation of the Moving from Words to Action Project Team.*
- 3. Disband the Partnerships Strategy Working Group.*

8 Sector Planning for CEP – Irrigation Plan

Ron McMullin presented Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity (CEP) Plan for the Irrigation Sector for the board's information. The plan has eight targets and 14 general recommendations. The Alberta Irrigation Projects Association (AIPA) will take the lead and champion the CEP efforts. The sector is aiming to achieve the 30% overall gain in CEP by 2015. Ron reviewed the implications of efficiency gains in the irrigation sector, noting where inefficiencies now occur and why, and how they can be improved. He described the irrigation sector targets, noting that these are collective targets for all the irrigation districts (IDs); some districts will achieve them and some likely won't.

The following points emerged in the board's discussion of this item:

- Regular discussions occur between the IDs and Alberta Environment regarding headworks management and water diversion to the IDs. The IDs recognize there are opportunities to improve and are working toward those goals in terms of how they remove water.
- New technology such as low pressure pivots represents a very significant financial investment for a farmer. Those decisions are driven by considerations for yield and yield quality, as well as by water and fuel savings. The new low pressure systems use less water and achieve higher quality and yield.

The board commended Ron and the AIPA for its very good work in completing its CEP plan and looks forward to hearing future updates on implementation.

9 Aquatic Environmentally Significant Areas

Scott Millar updated the board on the Aquatic Environmentally Significant Areas map that resulted from criteria recommended by the Council through the work of the PEACH team. The GoA used the criteria as the foundation for subsequent work that added aquatic ecosystem data and established parameters or rules for combining and using the available data. A model with a map output was developed, showing geographic areas for Aquatic Environmentally Significant Areas. This product is being reviewed internally in the GoA and will be shared with the Council and the public when it has received deputy minister approval. The plan is to update the information every year. A preface with additional context will accompany the final document.

10 Alberta Water Research Institute (AWRI) Update

Dave Hill provided an update on the AWRI, its current activities and potential links with the Council's work. AWRI was established in 2007; all of its work supports WFL outcomes with the aim of contributing to good evidence-based public policy and good water management. They are particularly interested in applied research and look for opportunities where their work can fit into existing public policy initiatives. Dave described the AWRI's program themes and selected projects. He noted that the AWRI has successfully leveraged its initial funds of \$30-million, bringing in an additional \$20-million from other sources, including \$12-million from industry.

AWRI is presently funding 20 major initiatives and ten others are underway. AWRI would like to find ways to more effectively share what they are doing with the Council and other WFL partners. Options include an electronic newsletter and an annual symposium or forum in which AWRI could present its results and AWC members (and perhaps WPACs and

WSGs) could gather to hear the presentations and discuss possible collaboration opportunities. The agenda could be determined in consultation with the AWC to ensure that projects of most interest are covered. Mid-September 2010 is a possibility to pilot a one-day workshop just for AWC and perhaps a few WPAC representatives before doing a large event.

In response to a question about transferring their applied research, Dave noted that they see their key clients as decision makers, policy makers and water practitioners. AWRI has a good process through which AWRI can engage Alberta Environment's scientific research experts on water policy issues, including having them involved with the AWRI teams.

There was general support for a mechanism to better engage with the AWRI on water research initiatives. The board felt the autumn workshop pilot was a good idea as a way of providing an opportunity to learn and network. Members also indicated their interest in a short annual summary of the key AWRI activities, and suggested that this information also be posted on the AWRI website.

Action 28.3: Dave Hill and AWRI will identify a date later this year for a one-day workshop with the Council and will email information to board members.

11 Status Reports

One status report on Sector Planning for Water CEP Project Team was tabled.

12 New or Other Business

There was no new business. Copies of the 2009 annual report were provided to board members and additional copies are available on request.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Attachment 1: Meeting #28 Attendees

Council Directors and Alternates

Maureen Bell, NGO (Environmental)
Wendy Boje, GOA and Provincial Authorities
(Alberta Sustainable Resource
Development)
Mark Brostrom, Government (Large Urban)
Bob Cameron, NGO (Environmental)
Carolyn Campbell, NGO (Environmental)
Chris Fordham, Industry (Mining)
Lisa Maria Fox, NGO (Environmental)
Jim Hackett, Industry (Power Generation)
David Hill, GOA and Provincial Authorities
(Alberta Water Research Institute)
Les Gammie, NGO (WPACs)
Al Kennedy, Industry (Chemical and
Petrochemical)
John Kolk, Industry (Livestock)
Dug Major, NGO (WPACs)
Ron McMullin, Industry (Irrigation)
Dave Middleton, Industry (Oil and Gas)
Keith Murray, Industry (Forestry)
Dwight Oliver, Government (Rural)
Richard Phillips, Industry (Irrigation)

Rob Pritchard, Government (Large Urban)
Richard Quail, Government (Small Urban)
J. David Rushford, Industry (Oil and Gas)
Tracy Scott, NGO (Wetland Habitat
Conservation)
John Skowronski, Industry (Chemical and
Petrochemical)
Jennifer Steber, GOA and Provincial
Authorities (Alberta Energy)
Judy Stewart, NGO (Lake Environment
Conservation)
Jeff Surtees, NGO (Fisheries Habitat
Conservation)
Jason Unger, NGO (Environmental)
Jay White, NGO (Lake Environment
Conservation)
Jamie Wuite, GOA and Provincial Authorities
(Alberta Agriculture and Rural
Development)
Gord Edwards, AWC Executive Director

Presenters:

Gord Edwards, *Executive Director's Report; Executive Committee Terms of Reference, Business Planning, Proposed Sustainable Funding Sub-committee, Statements of Opportunity* (Items 1.4, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0)
Ian Montgomerie, *Business Planning Performance Measures* (Item 3.0)
Ron Pearson, *Statements of Opportunity* (Item 5.0)
Carolyn Campbell, *Statements of Opportunity* (Item 5.0)
Lisa Maria Fox, *Statements of Opportunity* (Item 5.0)
Stephanie Neufeld and John Englert, *Non-Point Source Pollution Working Group* (Item 6.0)
Les Gammie and Ethel Ni, *WFL Partnership Strategy Working Group* (Item 7.0)
Ron McMullin, *Statements of Opportunity, Sector Planning for CEP – Irrigation Plan* (Items 5.0, 8.0)
Scott Millar, *Aquatic Environmentally Significant Areas* (Item 9.0)
David Hill, *Alberta Water Research Institute Update* (Item 10.0)

Guests:

Ron Axelson, Intensive Livestock Working
Group
Darcy Kirtzinger, Alberta Barley Commission
Bill Macdonald, Alberta Environment
Kelly Ness, Alberta Environment

AWC Staff and Contractor Support

Andre Asselin, Alesha Hill, Terry Sly, Lorie Wagner, Petra Rowell, Kim Sanderson

Absent with Regrets:

Darlene Carifelle, Government (Métis Settlements)

Jim Ellis, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Environment)

Colin Jeffares, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development)

Pat Kehoe, NGO (Wetland Habitat Conservation)

Alex MacKenzie, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Health and Wellness)

Eric McGhan, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Sustainable Resource Development)

Lindsay Telfer, NGO (Environmental)

Attachment 2: Meeting #28 Action Item Log

Action	Who	By when
28.1: Board members will provide any further comments on the draft performance measures by July 31, then staff will refine the measures for review by the executive and they will be on the agenda for the October meeting.	Board members Executive, staff	July 31 Oct 14
28.2: AWC staff will recommend to the Executive Committee a suitable approach for redirecting the issue of Water for Communities.	AWC staff	Aug 15
28.3: Dave Hill and AWRI will identify a date later this year for a one-day workshop with the Council and will email information to board members.	Dave Hill	July 9

Attachment 3: Decision Log

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8450 Sparrow Drive

NOTE: Broad Category caucusing will occur from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL

- 9:00 1.0 Administration – Chair 20 min**
1.1 Welcome and approve agenda
1.2 Approve Summary Report from March 26, 2010 meeting
1.3 Review of actions from last meeting
1.4 Executive Director’s report
- 9:20 2.0 Executive Committee Terms of Reference 10 min**
Approve Executive Committee Terms of Reference.
- 9:30 3.0 Business Planning 30 min**
Approve in principle the text of the draft 2010 – 2013 Business Plan and review draft performance measures.
- 10:00 4.0 Proposed Sustainable Funding Sub-Committee 20 min**
Establish a sub-committee of the Executive Committee that will examine sustainable funding options for the Council.
- 10:20 Break 15 min**
- 10:35 5.0 Statements of Opportunity 55 min**
Review a number of Statement of Opportunities for potential project work for the Council.
- 11:30 6.0 Non-Point Source (NPS) Pollution Working Group 30 min**
Approve the terms of reference for NPS Pollution Project Team
- 12:00 Lunch (provided in the room) 30 min**
- 12:30 7.0 WFL Partnership Strategy Working Group 30 min**
Approve the terms of reference for WFL Partnership Strategy Project Team
- 1:00 8.0 Sector Planning for CEP – Irrigation Plan 30 min**
Hear a presentation on the CEP plan prepared by the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association.
- 1:30 9.0 Aquatic Environmentally Significant Areas 45 min**
Hear a presentation on the Aquatic Environmentally Significant Areas project, a follow-up from the work of Council on developing aquatic ecological criteria (PEACH).
- 2:15 10.0 Alberta Water Research Institute Update 15 min**
Hear an update on the work of the Institute and options for Council engagement
- 2:30 11.0 Status Reports 15 min**
Refer members to status reports in the board package with a brief opportunity for questions or clarification.
- 2:45 12.0 New or Other Business 15 min**
New items of business or other items of information for Council
- 3:00 Adjournment**