

# Tracking Implementation Progress of Council Recommendations Update Report – March 2013 – Vol. 3

## 1.0 Introduction

As part of the implementation tracking system, Council staff prepare two reports: a detailed report and an update report. The Detailed Report lists all recommendations and their implementation status, by individual recommendation, theme or full suite of recommendations. The Detailed Report is in table format and is posted on the Council's website.

The Update Report provides a general overview of implementation progress, highlighting both successes and challenges; it is presented at the March and October Board meetings. As part of this presentation, the Board has an opportunity to discuss implementation progress and may offer advice to implementers concerning any challenges that are identified.

This Update Report focuses on general progress since the last report (October 2012), and similarly describes implementation progress by project. The date shown after the project name is when the recommendations were presented to the Board.

## 2.0 Projects

### 2.1 *Water For Life Renewal (January 2008)*

Complete. No further reporting required.

### 2.2 *Intra-Basin Water Movement (June 2008)*

No change since the March 2012 update.

### 2.3 *Wetland Policy and Implementation Plan (September 2008)*

#### 2.3.1 *Wetland Policy*

No change since the March 2012 update.

#### 2.3.2 *Wetland Implementation Plan*

No change since the March 2012 update.

### 2.4 *Shared Governance (September 2008)*

The Government of Alberta provides operating grants and project funds to the Alberta Water Council and all 11 Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils, as well as funding an annual grant program for Watershed Stewardship Groups.

### 2.5 *Watershed Management Planning (September 2008)*

The Government of Alberta released and posted a *Guide to Reporting on Common Indicators Used in State of the Watershed Reports, 2012*. The Government of Alberta is making the Land Use Framework's Regional Advisory Councils aware of

work undertaken by key government partners where relevant to regional plan outcomes.

**2.6 Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Sector Planning (September 2008)**

A number of the recommendations can now be addressed since the sector CEP plans have been developed and the current team's report and recommendations will be coming to the AWC for approval in March 2013. For specifics, refer to the Detailed Report.

**2.7 Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems (March 2009)**

A number of new reports have been released that support watershed management. Web links for these documents appear in the Detailed Report.

**2.8 *Water for Life* Implementation Review 2006 – 2008 (June 2009)**

No change since the October 2012 update.

**2.9 Water Allocation Transfer System Upgrade Project (August 2009)**

No change since the March 2012 update.

**2.10 Provincial Ecological Aquatic Criteria for Health (November 2009)**

No change since the October 2012 update.

**2.11 Moving from Words to Actions (June 2011)**

GoA implementation:

No change since the October 2012 update.

*Water for Life* Partnerships implementation:

The Land Stewardship Centre, WPACs and the AWC continue to make progress in meeting the intent of the recommendations directed to them. For specifics, refer to the Detailed Report.

**2.12 *Water for Life* Implementation Review 2009 – 2011 (October 2012)**

The report was released in December 2012. No updates on implementation progress are available at this time.

### **3.0 Conclusion**

When reviewing the Detailed Report, it is important to understand that recommendations whose implementation status is "in progress" may not have a specific update; however, progress in many cases is being made, and it may be premature to report on work in progress.