



Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan

Advisory Committee

Draft Work Plan

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The following is a Work Plan for the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee tasks include:

- **Interim Targets.** Using the qualitative Goal and Objectives established by the Board in the Framework, develop recommendations for quantitative 5 and 10 year interim targets for Objectives that represent changes in the ESPA water budget.
- **Management Actions.** Develop recommendations for initial management actions to be taken to reach the interim targets, using alternatives explored during the Framework process
- **Funding Mechanisms.** Develop recommendations for funding mechanisms to provide resources for implementation of management actions
- **Adaptive Management.** Develop recommendations for adaptive management mechanisms that will assess progress toward quantitative targets and qualitative goals and objectives, and steps for re-balancing management actions or allocation of funding

Advisory Committee Work Plan (estimated time frames):

- Interim Targets (3 - 5 months)
 - Committee consults ESHMC and other technical experts as appropriate for information on range of water budget change necessary to achieve qualitative goal set by Board
 - Technical experts provide information to the Committee on water budget change possible from various management alternatives over 5 and 10 year time frames
 - Using information provided, the Committee recommends quantitative water budget change ranges for each objective in the 5 and 10 year time frames
- Management Actions (4 - 6 months)
 - For each potential management action, technical experts provide information to assist Committee in identifying potential projects, expected outcomes, risk factors, costs, etc.
 - With assistance from technical experts, the Committee compares potential management actions with each other on a costs and benefits basis, including economic and other considerations.
 - Committee recommends prioritized projects and funding needs for each management action.

- Funding Mechanisms (3 - 5 months)
 - Committee examines total funding required to meet 5 and 10 year quantitative goals.
 - Committee recommends funding strategy to provide resources necessary to implement management actions.

- Adaptive Management (1 - 2 months)
 - Consulting technical experts, Committee recommends process for continuous evaluation of progress toward interim targets, including Board responsibilities and responsibilities of other state agencies and non-governmental entities.
 - Committee recommends an implementation plan with milestones and responsibilities along with mechanism to ‘track’ implementation.

Public Meetings will be held periodically at times determined by the Advisory Committee.