

# Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership

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## ***Policy Advisory Group Charter***

### **Mission**

The Policy Advisory Group (PAG) will assist and advise the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership Board in coordinating and developing water resource-related programs, planning, and activities within the planning area, including the coordination of efforts with all jurisdictions of the planning area and development of the board's strategic actions. (HB 1580 - Section 4[3]b)

### **Vision**

Communications among the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership Board and entities or individuals working on issues relevant to the Partnership Board are efficient and effective, with the PAG providing informed and innovative solutions to policy questions in response to requests by the Partnership Board.

### **Goals / Desired Outcomes**

- Provide a forum for discussion of issues relevant to the Partnership Board.
- In conjunction with the Water Resource Panel, provide assistance and advice to the Partnership Board in the implementation of HB 1580 (Chapter 183, 2009 Session Laws).
- Develop suggestions for updates to the Partnership Board's strategic actions.
- Assist the Partnership Board in making policy related decisions.

### **Membership**

The Policy Advisory Group will be comprised of participants as prescribed by HB 1580 (Chapter 183, Session Laws of 2009):

WA Dept of Ecology
WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Affected State Agencies
Other appropriate interests

The Partnership Board must invite participation in the PAG from the Washington State Department of Ecology, Department of Fish and Wildlife and other affected state agencies. The Board will appoint membership from other appropriate interests by resolution for a renewable term of two-years.

A member of the PAG will be selected to serve as chair by vote of PAG members. Partnership staff will facilitate meetings of the PAG. Additional members may be added by the Partnership Board as deemed appropriate.

### **Meeting Schedule and Process**

The PAG will be convened as necessary and requested by the Partnership Board, but will meet no less than quarterly. Partnership staff will facilitate meetings and establish agendas. The PAG will operate based on consensus whenever possible, but may determine a process for majority-decision making so long as a minority report is included. Outcomes of the PAG will be communicated to the Board by the Chair. All meetings will be open to the public.