

# Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership

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## **MISSION:**

The purpose and mission of the Board is to implement the pilot local Walla Walla water management program in accordance with the enabling legislation under Ch. 183, 2009 Session Laws created by Second Substitute House Bill 1580. *(Adopted 08/11/2009, Bylaws)*

## **“Working” VISION STATEMENT:**

The vision of the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership is to manage water locally to meet the needs of fish, farms and people in the watershed through 2019. *(Approved 04/06/2010 as working vision statement)*

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**GOALS and OBJECTIVES** – Defines achievements and accomplishments for which the Partnership’s mission is directed. The Partnership’s goals and objectives should be based on its values statement: **Building cooperation in implementing innovative water management for the benefit of fish, farms and people.**<sup>1</sup>

Goals are broad; objectives are narrow.  
Goals are general intentions; objectives are precise.  
Goals are intangible; objectives are tangible.  
Goals are abstract; objectives are concrete.  
Goals can't be validated as is; objectives can be validated

## **GOALS:**

- Sustain **collaborative partnerships** to provide **innovative, adaptive solutions** to Walla Walla’s complex water allocation challenges.
- Ensure that water resources are managed with mutual respect of all needs: environmental (**flows**), ecological (**fish**), agricultural (**farms**) and economic (**people**).
- Develop and employ procedures and policies for **successfully managing water at a basin level**.

**What other goals would you suggest the Partnership Board consider? Note them here and offer for meeting discussion:**

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<sup>1</sup>RCW 90.92.010

Objectives are intended to be measurable, and are sometimes called outcomes as they can be useful assessment tools. With specificity, objectives can be used to determine whether or not we are successful in achieving the goal. For the Partnership, objectives may be identified to include dates and quantities:

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Implement water banking transactions in priority stream reaches to reduce water diversions and withdrawals, relieve the threat of relinquishment, encourage water conservation, and enable reallocation of water.
- Enable flexible water management for water users through approval and implementation of local water plans in which stream flow is significantly and measurably improved, groundwater use is sustainably managed, and other water right holders are not involuntarily impaired.
- Improve water quality by partnering with local entities to improve conditions and achieve TMDL goals.
- Increase the quantity and effectiveness of water supply replenishment efforts including shallow aquifer recharge (SAR) and basalt aquifer storage and recovery (ASR).
- Achieve delisting of ESA listed species (summer steelhead, bull trout) and restoration of other species of interest/concern in the basin (Chinook salmon, lamprey).
- Identify a source of funding to support the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership for the 10-year pilot program, 2009-2019.
- Demonstrate sufficient success in modeling collaborative, local water management by 2019 to warrant becoming a permanent local water management board.

**What other objectives would you suggest the Partnership Board consider? Note them here and offer for meeting discussion:**

**PARAMETERS FOR FOCUSING PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS** – positioning the Partnership to know what to take on, so the Partnership Board can make a determination to what extent the Partnership should proceed with work on a particular issue or project.

Focusing Partnership efforts will enable the Partnership to consider which issues it will address, what the Partnership role will be in an issue, and integrating new issues as appropriate into the Partnership's work plan. For the PAG and Partnership Board to consider as they finalize their focus.....

- Focus of Partnership efforts consistent with RCW 90.92.
- Build on limited number of major goals and a moderate list of objectives, with detailed actions developed to address highest priorities.
- Identify specific steps (work plan) to implement, and consider previously completed plans and actions/strategies.
- Provide highest level of effort/resources where actions are most warranted, prioritizing limited resources to meet goals/objectives.
- Provide for further clarification and refinement as we go, adaptive management to identify more actions in the future.

**What other parameters for focusing Partnership efforts would you suggest the Partnership Board consider? Note them here and offer for meeting discussion:**

**METRICS of PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS** – As we consider what the Partnership defines metrics of success, consider looking at what measures of failure may be turned upside-down into measures of success. As well, strategically think about how the Partnership can be positioned to recognize success...

- Metrics, when well-defined and specific, will focus Partnership priorities. Consider identifying:
  - Outputs: quantifiable program accomplishments
  - Outcomes: the short- and long-term effects of our strategies toward achieving objectives
  - Impacts: the long-term and aggregated effect of our sustained effort
- What you measure get's done – choose metrics based on established Partnership goals and objectives
- Consider presentation of metrics (how do we show-and-tell about our success?)
- Wrong measures may cause havoc
- Identify a manageable number of metrics that can be understood within and outside the Partnership

**What measures or metrics of Partnership success would you suggest the Partnership Board consider? Note them here and offer for meeting discussion:**

**INTRODUCTION: DEVELOPMENT of DRAFT STRATEGIC ACTIONS** – Development of draft strategic actions for the Partnership will include identifying what activities the Partnership will pursue to meet his goals and objectives, and to achieve the vision it has identified. Considerations for development of draft strategic actions include:

- PAG development of draft strategic actions should build upon the watershed plan in WRIA 32, making it possible for previously completed plans (such as the Watershed Plan [2005], Detailed Implementation Plan [2006], and Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan [2005]) to be implemented and successful, furthering the goals of previously adopted plans.
- Approved strategic actions can be organized into a work plan to align tasks with Partnership objectives.
- Implementation of strategic actions may serve to direct Partnership priorities and can be tracked as benchmarks for success.
- Development of draft strategic actions in 2010 should focus on identifying actions appropriate for Partnership implementation given current conditions, recognizing that more actions can be identified in the future and revised in final strategic actions in the future.

**To prepare for this initial discussion of draft strategic actions, PAG members are encouraged to review the watershed plan in WRIA 32 and prepare to discuss potential draft strategic actions that carry-forward from those earlier adopted plans. As well, PAG members should be thinking of how the draft strategic actions out of this exercise will frame the Partnership’s activities and focus, to achieve its objectives and be tracked as measures of success. Please note here your initial thoughts on developing draft strategic actions, and come prepared to offer them for meeting discussion:**