

Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership

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Water Resource Panel Charter

Mission

The Water Resource Panel (WRP) will provide technical assistance for the development of the local water plans and provide advice to the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership Board on the criteria for establishment of local water plans and the approval, denial, or modification of the local water plans. (HB 1580 - Section 4[3]d)

Vision

The Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership implements successful Local Water Plans that provide “flow from flexibility” supported by the WRP’s technical assistance.

Goals / Desired Outcomes

- Provide technical review of proposed local water plans.
- Draft recommendations on approval/modification of Local Water Plans for each reviewed plan.
- In conjunction with the Policy Advisory Group, provide assistance and advice to the Partnership Board in implementing of HB 1580 (Chapter 183, 2009 Session Laws).

Membership

The WRP will be comprised of participants with expertise in the following subject areas as prescribed by HB 1580 (Chapter 183, Session Laws of 2009):

Surface water and groundwater monitoring and hydrological analysis
Irrigation Management and Engineering
Water Rights
Fisheries Habitat
Economic Development

The Partnership Board must invite participation in the WRP from the Washington State Department of Ecology and Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Board will appoint membership by resolution for a renewable term of two-years.

A designated member of the Partnership Board staff will chair the committee as a non-voting member. Additional WRP members may be appointed by the Partnership Board to provide expertise as deemed appropriate.

Meeting Schedule and Process

The WRP will be convened as necessary and requested by the Partnership Board. Partnership Board staff will facilitate meetings and establish meeting agendas. The WRP will operate based on consensus whenever possible, but may determine a process for majority-decision making so long as a minority report is included. All meetings will be open to the public.

Water Resource Panel	
Mandated "expertise's"	Current Membership
Irrigation Management and Engineering	Jerry Anhorn
Surface water and groundwater monitoring and hydrological analysis	Bob Bower
Irrigation Management and Engineering	Greg Kinsinger
Water Rights	Victoria Leuba
Irrigation Management and Engineering / Water Rights	Jack Myrick
Fisheries Habitat	TBD (CTUIR?)
Economic Development	TBD

*Additionally WDFW, and ECY must be invited (completed 9/2009)