

Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership

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Water Banking Checklist

A water banking agreement is a voluntary agreement between the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership and a water right holder(s) agrees to not use their water for the enhancement of stream flows and receives relief from relinquishment during the agreement term.

Purpose: This checklist represents a summarized list of major elements required for a Water Banking agreement, and can be used by a water right holder(s) to evaluate if a Water Banking agreement is appropriate for your situation.

A water right participating in the bank is not subject to the “use it or lose it” provisions of Washington Water Law (RCW 90.14.130-220). For a detailed description, see the Water Banking Application available at <http://www.wallawallawatershed.org/participate>.

Major Elements Required for Water Banking Agreement

- Existing Water Rights** – The program can only work with existing water rights, that the participant(s) owns/controls.
- Specific Commitments** – An application needs to specify what portion of the water right is being banked and what part will continue to be used, if any.
- Reporting** – The Partnership requires that you report annually.
- Term** – The agreement cannot extend beyond June 30, 2019 because the program is a pilot program, scheduled to sunset June 30, 2019.