

Cascade Water Connections Working Group



Principles of Participation

Role of Committee Members

The Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade) is asking participants of the Cascade Water Connections to assist Cascade and its planning consultants to review the TSP. Working group members are being asked to:

- Become knowledgeable about regional water issues, including water supply resources, transmission facilities and regional water needs.
- Become familiar with Cascade and its role in regional water planning and water supply.
- Become familiar with Cascade's member agencies and water districts and the services they provide.
- Provide informed input to Cascade staff at various milestones in the TSP supply and demand planning process. Specifically, it is requested that working group members:
 - Provide feedback to the consultant team's evaluation of water demands and supply options.
 - Review the draft list of water supply and transmission projects developed by the consultant team and suggest modifications if appropriate.
 - Finalize feedback and forward in a comprehensive report to the Cascade Board of Directors.

Representation

Participants are being sought based upon several qualities:

- Willingness to work cooperatively with other working group members.
- Commitment to consistently attend the working group meetings.
- Ability to present the perspective of an organization or constituency.

Working group members are encouraged to report back to his or her respective constituency, when appropriate, to inform them about the working group's discussions and the progress of the TSP development. Meeting minutes will be prepared to facilitate this effort. Cascade staff and consultants will be available to assist in this communication process, if desired.

recommend items for inclusion in the next agenda and any action items requiring additional research. Agendas will be distributed by e-mail in advance of each meeting.

Timeline

The draft TSP will need to be completed by September 2010, and finalized by December 2010. The working group will meet to review information, provide input and suggested modifications, if any, prior to key milestone points in the TSP process. To ensure consistency during this schedule, it will be important for the working group to address items presented at each meeting as fully as possible. Lengthy discussions on items for which a majority consensus cannot be reached should be limited.

Work Product

The working group will be asked to summarize its discussions at the conclusion of this process in the form of a written report. The written report will be prepared by the facilitator, in collaboration with working group members. A draft summary report will be presented to the working group for review and comment. It is suggested the report document the following:

- The scope and content of the working group's discussion.
- Feedback to Cascade staff regarding specific input related to supply options and regional water and transmission issues.
- Individual opinions and observations that may not be reflected in the main body of the report.

The working group's feedback will be presented to the Cascade Board at the conclusion of the working group's deliberations. This feedback will be a part of the overall background, research and technical findings that staff provides to the Cascade Board for their consideration and ultimate policy decision.