

H2O Portfolio Recommendations Group

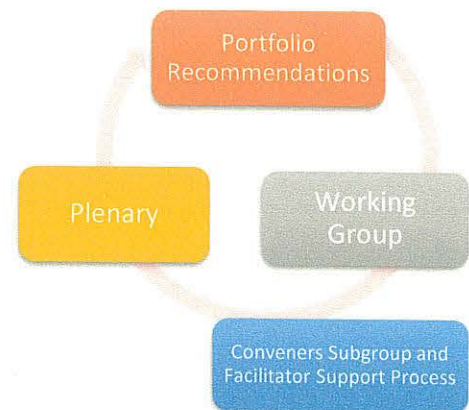
Purpose

The H2O Portfolio Recommendations Group is an ad hoc gathering of diverse California water leaders who have come together for a focused 3-month effort to seek agreement on a set of recommendations for Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio and to articulate those key water issues where agreement among disparate interests remains challenging. The recommendations will be submitted to the Administration by the end of September 2019.

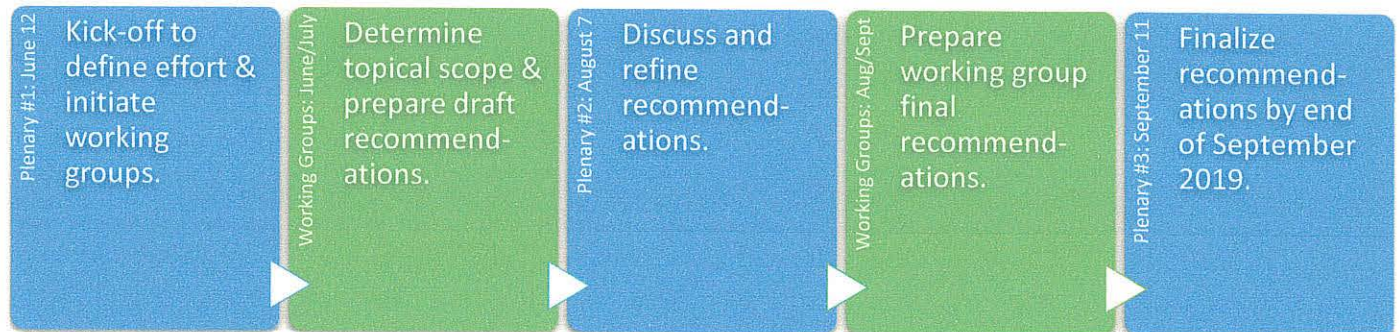
Note: This is not a substitute for ongoing processes, such as Voluntary Settlement Agreements, litigation, etc. All groups maintain their right to provide input directly to the Administration outside of this effort. This is an open process with no non-disclosure agreements.

Structure

There will be three plenary sessions: one to kick off the effort; one midway through the process to discuss draft recommendations; and one at the end to finalize the recommendations and other input to be forwarded from the group to the Administration. Much of the work will occur in 6 topical working groups, consistent with priority areas identified in Governor Newsom's Executive Order (EO) N-10-19 (See Appendix), including: 1) Safe Drinking Water, 2) Diverse Water Supplies, 3) Healthy Waterways, 4) Groundwater Depletion, 5) Delta, and 6) Flood-Fire-Watersheds & Integration. The working groups will meet 6-8 times over the course of the effort which will be coordinated by a Conveners Subgroup that will guide the process in concert with the facilitator. The Conveners Subgroup does not have decision-making authority over recommendations.



Milestones & Schedule



Working Group Guidelines

Each group will:

1. require a facilitator to advance the conversation and a technical scribe to document the key themes and outcomes from discussions.
2. address the principles articulated in EO (N-10-19).
3. ensure that participants reflect a diverse group of representative interests.
4. commit to meet at least two times per month in person or via conference call/webinar.
5. commit to the scope and schedule defined in plenary meeting #1 and described above.
6. produce recommendations for Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio, with a strong emphasis on identifying breakthrough innovations and ideas.

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