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Mr. Byrne,

The Commission's scoping survey is a brilliant use of internet technology to maximize transparency and encourage collaborative thinking. I guess you will be compiling the responses into an on-line database so that agencies can join together to integrate their projects and improve the public benefits.

Consider going a little farther. You could offer matchmaking services to form super-regional water storage projects. Your effort might model the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in DE-FOA-0001285: U.S-China Clean Energy Research Center: Energy and Water. "DOE will help connect entities seeking collaborators" if they email information to DOE.

Or you could add some super-regional project self-forming features to your scoping survey. This would be a variation on features provided in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Climate CoLab contests and Innocentive challenges. For example, you could create a category for multi-agency super-regional projects. Put in the International Integrated Water Project, survey template attached, as an example. Your staff, or we, can be the contacts. The example lists potential collaborating agencies. The survey allows entities to "sign-on" in either of several categories: a) "staff interest", send me email notice of changes; b) "staff interest in leading the project"; and c) "Board approved participant".

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