# Mapping Phase 7 Decisional Items at WQGIT/WQGIT Workgroups

**Background:** The WQGIT governance states, " Any WQGIT Workgroup decision that has cross-sector implications will come before the WQGIT membership for final approval of that decision rather than as informational briefings". At the June WQGIT meeting, there was a request from members to better understand the workgroup level decisions taking place and to ensure that items considered to be "cross-sector" come to the WQGIT for decision making.

The associated decisional tracker strawman outlines Phase 7 related decisional and discussional items taking place at the workgroup level from July-September. Relevant notes or recent materials are also included as reference. A short list of topics proposed past September, but related to the development of Phase 7, are listed below the decisional tracker. All items are subject to change including, but not limited to, dates, topics, workgroups involved, and discussion/decision making at the GIT level. That's where you come in!

## Distinguishing "Cross Sector" Topics for Upcoming Phase 7 Decisions:

The WQGIT is asked to consider the following: *how do we want to delineate "cross sector" for our upcoming Phase 7 decisions at the GIT level?*

Provided below are a list of potential options for how to categorize items as "cross sector" for WQGIT <u>decisions</u>.

*Please note:* While we are interested to learn how partners feel about elevating certain Phase 7 topics of interest to the GIT, we would also like to distinguish what items need to be DECISIONAL at the GIT level. Items determined to be "cross-sector" will be brought to the WQGIT as decisional items. The opportunity will still remain to discuss items not considered as "cross-sector" in an informational capacity at the GIT meeting or an office hours session. We are also open to suggestions or alternatives that increase flexibility or convenience, such as written updates, decisions via email, recording office hours, etc.

These options are not exhaustive and alternatives are negotiable. These are provided to generate discussion and deliberation. There are likely hybrid or in-between options.

- **Option A. Active decisions for everything, or almost everything:** All Phase 7 topics, or nearly all topics, are considered "cross-sector" for the WQGIT.

- **Option B. Active decisions for items proposed in the decision tracker plus some others:** All WQGIT associated items in the decision tracker plus additional items requested by WQGIT members should be considered "cross-sector" for decision purposes.

- **Option C. Active decisions for items as proposed in the draft decision tracker:** All Phase 7 topics already designated to the WQGIT in the decisional tracker are considered "cross-sector" for the WQGIT.

- **Option D. Active decisions limited to BMP-related items:** Only BMP-related decisions should be distinguished as "cross-sector" and come to the WQGIT. This would include fewer WQGIT-level decisions than the draft decision tracker lays out.

The WQGIT's preference subsequently sets the stage for the extent to which we adjust our meeting plans for August and September and the provided decisional tracker. The greater the number of briefings or topics for the WQGIT to tackle, the greater the amount of time expected for decisional meetings and optional/supplemental meetings or "office hours."

**Options for Scheduling Office Hours/Additional Meeting Time:**
The exact option details are negotiable, but the descriptions provide a sense of the relative expected time commitment. The standing monthly meetings for August 25th and September 22 will not exceed the 1:00-4:00pm duration unless necessary and requested. If the preferred option includes additional WQGIT decisional meetings, we will consider potential dates/times during our July 28th discussion.

- **Option 1: Maximum Time Commitment**
  - Extend August and/or September monthly meeting time OR add an additional 1-2 decisional meeting
  - Additional office hours

- **Option 2: Medium Time Commitment**
  - Keep standing monthly meetings for decisions. Do not extend the duration of the August meeting, and extend the September meeting if necessary.
  - Additional office hours

- **Option 3: Low Time Commitment**
  - Keep the existing duration for August and September WQGIT meetings. Make no new meetings for decisions.
  - Additional office hours

- **Option 4: Minimal Time Commitment**
  - No additional meeting time or office hours

For additional office hours, we have narrowed it down to the dates and times below. These will be sent to WQGIT members as holds, acknowledging that the number that actually occurs will be determined based on the Options decided above. These will be reserved for further briefings on topics of interest from WQGIT members. No decisions will occur at these optional

meetings. We will finalize topics at the end of July, but some possible topics/sectors are mapped below based on current availability. Once dates are confirmed they will be added to the public events calendar.

| Date/Time | Fri 8/15, 1-3pm | Mon 8/18, 1-3pm | Tue 8/26, 12-2pm | Wed 9/3, 11am-1pm | Mon 9/15, 1-3pm | Thu 9/18, 2-4pm |
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| **Possible topics** | Ag Inputs CAST Inputs BMPs | Land Use CAST Inputs BMPs | CAST Inputs Ag Inputs BMPs Land Use | Land Use BMPs CAST Inputs | Wastewater Land Use BMPs CAST Inputs | All |
| **Topics that will not be covered** | Wastewater Land Use | Wastewater Ag Inputs | Wastewater | Wastewater Ag Inputs | Ag Inputs | |

**Paths to the Finish:**

Recognizing the mutually exclusive options for scheduling office hours/additional meeting times and the delineation of cross-sector decisional items for the GIT, the following paths are likely, pending responses from GIT members. Some other paths are possible, while certain combinations are mutually exclusive (e.g., Option A is not possible with Options 3 or 4).

**Cross Sector Decisions**                    **Meeting/Office Hour Options**

**Option A:** All Phase 7 topics are considered "cross-sector" for the WQGIT

→ **Option 1: Maximum Time Commitment**

**Option B:** All WQGIT associated items in the decision tracker plus items requested specifically by WQGIT members should be considered "cross-sector" for decision purposes

→ **Option 2: Medium Time Commitment / Option 3: Low Time Commitment**

**Option C:** All Phase 7 topics already designated to the WQGIT in the decisional tracker are considered "cross-sector" for the WQGIT

→ **Option 3: Low Time Commitment**

**Option D:** Only BMP-related decisions should be distinguished as "cross-sector" and come to the WQGIT. This would include fewer WQGIT-level decisions than the draft decision tracker lays out.

→ **Option 4: Minimal Time Commitment**