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Workgroup Workplan: Initial Brainstorming

Watershed Technical Workgroup

Workgroup Workplan Overview

- Given the new Management Strategy, workgroups under the Clean Water Goal Team are tasked with creating workgroup workplans outlining specific actions or deliverables the group will take on through 2030.
- WTWG Leadership agreed that an initial summary of possible activities making up this workplan could be the previously developed list of WTWG actions, which were outlined in our initial thoughts for CWGT Management Strategy development (linked [here](#)).
- Additional information was shared at the September CWGT meeting, some of which will be provided for context today.

What's in the workplan(s)?

TABLE for each Management Approach in a workplan (one row = one Activity, can inc. multiple Actions)

Activity Number	Lead Signatory and Participating Partners	Actions	Resource Needed, Committed, and Potential Sources to Fill Gaps	Target Date	Performance Targets and Deliverables	Status Activity Completion
[Goal #, Outcome #, Management Approach #, Activity #]	Lead: [Name and organization of lead. If multiple teams or workgroups are participating, list multiple leads] Signatories: [name signatory partners or partner agencies who will participate] Other Partners: [list non-signatory partners who will participate]	[describe the major actions]	Needed: [how much money or other support will be needed to complete this action] Committed: [how much money or other support is committed to complete this action] Filling Gaps: [how will the partnership fill gaps between resources needed and committed]	[timeline to complete]	[list performance targets and deliverables]	[not started/ ongoing / completed]

*Slide from September CWGT Meeting

Workplan Thoughts and Guidance

- Workgroup workplan will only include management approaches they expect to contribute to in next 3 years
- The number of actions under a Management Approach does not signify importance; some Approaches or actions will be more time-consuming or higher effort than others
- Focus on deliverables and tangible products that will contribute to our outcomes

*Slide from September CWGT Meeting

	Strategic Plan / Clean Water MS	Outcome Level Workplans (RENPS, TEC, WQSAM)	Workgroup Level Workplans
Oct	Draft sent to PSC		CWGT + Workgroups begin brainstorm
Nov	PSC feedback		High level ideas by end of Nov.
Dec	PSC approves draft Strategic Plan		Workgroups continue to fill in workplan templates
Jan	Public feedback	Consolidate RENPS-related workgroup workplans into draft Outcome Workplans	Wrap up RENPS drafting Workgroups continue to fill in workplan templates
Feb	Incorporate feedback	Present RENPS workplan to CWGT Consolidate workgroups' workplans into TEC and WQSAM workplans	Wrap up TEC and WQSAM drafting RENPS-related workgroup workplans update as needed
Mar	Incorporate feedback	Present TEC and WQSAM workplans to CWGT	
Apr	Revised Strategic Plan presented to PSC	CWGT reviews/approves <u>all</u> workplans	
May	Goal Teams approve Strategic Plan	CWGT reviews/approves <u>all</u> workplans	
Jun	PSC approves Strategic Plan		*Slide from September CWGT Meeting



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WTWG Workplan: High Level Summary

The Watershed Technical Workgroup will further the RENPS outcome by supporting partnership efforts to integrate methodologies and practices into the Phase 7 suite of modeling tools. This will include enhanced cooperative actions between jurisdictions, federal agencies, and Partnership stakeholders, convening expert panels to support the integration and analysis of new science, and discussing the improvements to the annual progress process, among other items as brought forward by workgroup membership. Workgroup meetings and associated minutes will be the backbone of how these topics are disseminated to the partnership in addition to the coordination and information sharing conducted by workgroup leadership and voting members.

Potential Workgroup Workplan Tasks

Short Term

- Annual Progress Scenario Development
- Assist other workgroups with E3/no action/others identified by the CWGT members
 - Review at CWGT in July/August timeframe
 - Approval in September 2026
- Review of the P7 Model as it becomes available
- Model Update Frequency Option development
- Explore and develop options for including “new” and innovative BMPs in the model
 - Consider improvements and efficiencies for reporting/verification including but not limited to increased innovation for the verification of BMPs, incorporation of implementation scale monitoring, and increased access to aggregated BMP implementation data.
 - Consider how to more efficiently encourage the development of innovative new BMPs, incorporation of BMPs without historical record, and draft BMPs.

Potential Workgroup Workplan Tasks

Mid Term

- Continue to coordinate, collaborate, and communicate with other partnership groups. Enhance communication between the Clean Water Goal Team and WTWG as needed, including support for the CWGT's post WIP III planning and targets.
- Continue to explore areas of specific technical interest to WTWG members and interested parties.

Potential Workgroup Workplan Tasks

Long Term

- Increased coordination with federal partners to help improve BMP reporting and verification for numeric progress.

Workgroup Workplan: Gaps and Challenges

Long Term Gaps and Challenges

- BMP credit lifespans and verification resources
- Data sharing agreement limitations
- Information sharing and communications across GITs and Workgroups



Questions and Suggestions?