

Methow Watershed Council and Methow Watershed Foundation

11.15.24 Strategic Work Planning Meeting

2025 Priorities and Work Plan

Meeting Summary:

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- The Watershed Council would like to focus on being an information source for the community - providing accurate and scientific perspectives that anyone can understand
- The Watershed Council would like to use influence to help find solutions to problems - this is a matter of influence over time as a trusted source of up-to-date knowledge vs. authority because the WC does not have mandated authority
- The Watershed Council serves as a place for those with authority to "listen" to the concerns of water users - elected officials value their participation in the Watershed Council because it provides perspective on local water issues.
- Moving forward, MWC meetings should be structured to focus attendees' efforts on the work of committees - what questions need feedback, what resources need review?

2025 Work Plan Summary

See Detailed Plan Worksheet

- Tech Committee: Work on the Local Drought Preparedness Planning project with Okanogan Conservation District, as a contractor addressing the needs and vulnerabilities of the Methow. Other drought information projects outside of this project.
- Work on facilitating the development of additional water connections for firefighting through an *ad hoc* committee.
- Outreach and Education: Continue outreach and education efforts, emphasizing reaching people we do not usually connect with.
- Policy: 1- review charter 2- Revitalize committee, identify issues, and develop policy review materials as approved by MWC and funded by MWF.
- Water Banking: committee is inactive and will fall under Outreach for further needs.
- MWF: Develop donor outreach plan.- Not part of MWC work plan
- Coordinate with MWF to Hire: Part time outreach coordinator to work on outreach, donor relations and LDPP outreach.
- Meeting changes:
 - Change MWC agenda to allow for more generative discussion prior to consent items.
 - Until positions are filled on MWC and MWF, fill MWC spots on MWF with rotating attendance from MWC members.
- Strategic approach to requesting funding support from Okanogan County (contract expires 12/31/24)
- Plan for future, in depth strategic planning (end of 2025/beginning 2026) and review of mission and vision statements.