

ALBERTA WATER COUNCIL

MEETING #35

October 25, 2012

McDougall Centre, Calgary, Alberta

Executive Summary

The board approved the appointment of Rob Pritchard as Vice President for the Government broad category and Jay White as the Vice President for the Non-Government Organizations broad category. Dana Woodworth, representing the Government of Alberta and Provincial Authorities, will serve as the Council's President. The board also approved the core operating budget for 2013 and set meeting dates for the coming year of March 21, June 13 and October 31.

The Government of Alberta provided an update on key activities and directions that could relate to water, stressing the continuing importance of the Land Use Framework and regional plans as the basis for managing cumulative effects in the province. Information about the structure of the new department of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development was also shared with the board, along with initial details regarding the announcement of the single regulator for upstream oil and gas. Upcoming conversations about water will provide various opportunities for input by Council stakeholders.

The Council has completed its fourth review of implementation progress of the *Water for Life* strategy, and the report and ten recommendations from the review committee were approved by the board. The report will be released shortly and posted on the AWC website.

Two new initiatives were approved based on statements of opportunity submitted by the Government of Alberta. The first is a symposium planned for late 2013 to look at the use of alternatives to potable water for household, municipal and industrial applications; the multi-stakeholder steering committee will refine the actual wording of the topic and the overall content. The second project, to be launched in March 2013 with a working group, will explore how to safeguard Alberta's water supplies and ecosystems from aquatic invasive species.

The board also agreed to extend the timelines for the Non-Point Source Pollution Project Team and the Sector Planning for Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Project Team. Both teams will submit their final reports at the March 2013 board meeting.

The next board meeting will be March 21 in Calgary.

Summary of Discussion

John Skowronski convened the business meeting at 9:10 a.m. and reviewed safety procedures. He noted the Minister's attendance at the recognition dinner the previous evening and thanked the Canadian Fuels Association for their contribution to the event. The chair also welcomed four new directors to the board. Those present introduced themselves.

1 Administration

1.1 Welcome and Approve Agenda

The chair reviewed the agenda, which was approved by consensus.

1.2 Appointment of Executive Officers

Rob Pritchard was designated by the Government broad category and Jay White by the Non-Government Organizations broad category as their sector's representative on the executive committee. Dana Woodworth was previously identified by the Government of Alberta and Provincial Authorities as their executive member.

Decision 35.1: The board approved:

- *Jay White as the Non-Government Organizations Vice President for a term ending in October 2014.*
- *Rob Pritchard as the Government Vice President for a term ending in October 2014.*
- *Dana Woodworth as the Government of Alberta and Provincial Authorities Vice President for a term ending in October 2013.*

1.3 Appointment of President

Decision 35.2: The board approved Dana Woodworth as President of the Alberta Water Council to October 2013.

1.4 Summary Report from June 14, 2012 Meeting

Decision 35.3: The summary report for the June 14, 2012 meeting was adopted by consensus and will be posted on the Council website.

1.5 Action Items from June 14, 2012 Meeting

There were no administrative action items from the June 2012 meeting.

1.6 Update Report on Implementation Progress of Recommendations

Gord Edwards directed the board to the short report associated with this item, noting that the first update report was presented in March 2012. The detailed implementation report will be updated and posted to the AWC website. Many recommendations are in progress. It was noted with respect to section 2.6 on Water CEP plans, that these plans are not approved by the board, and suggested that the text read "...have been approved by their sectors..."

1.7 Management Report

Gord Edwards referred the board to the management report in the briefing package. The board and staff had a busy summer particularly with respect to sector engagement for various projects. Process guidelines were updated and staff have nearly completed the work associated with the membership review. The AWC website has been revamped. The Council

is projected to spend slightly less in 2012 than was budgeted; Gord advised that full financial statements are available at this meeting for any board members who wish to review them.

1.8 AWC Proposed 2013 Core Operating Budget

Gord Edwards presented the budget to date for 2012 and the proposed core budget for 2013, which includes an 11% increase. Part of this increase reflects the return of one project manager who has been on parental leave. Honoraria and expenses associated with at least two new projects will also increase. As well, \$30,000 in seed money has been allocated to a symposium for 2013, but these costs are expected to be recovered. Gord advised that contractor costs will continue at a similar level for 2013 with the expected new projects. The Council has funds in place through most of the coming year, and will be submitting a grant application to the Government of Alberta in February 2013. It was suggested that, in future, such information should be appended to the proposed budget.

Decision 35.4: The board approved the proposed 2013 AWC Core Operating Budget.

1.9 Membership Review Update

Gord directed the board to the short report in the briefing book that shows the status of the eight membership review recommendations, noting that most have now been implemented.

1.10 Meeting Dates for 2013

Decision 35.5: The board approved the following meeting dates for 2013:

- *March 21 in Calgary*
- *June 13 in Edmonton*
- *October 31 in Calgary*

2 Government of Alberta (GoA) Update

Dana Woodworth provided an update on various GoA activities relevant to the Council. The Land-use Framework (LUF) continues to be a major GoA focus, with the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan now in the implementation phase, to be followed by the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. Timing for the remaining five plans is being considered by the government. The LUF construct will be a major pillar of Alberta's resource management system and will be the model the GoA uses to balance cumulative effects on the landscape. The GoA wants to make ownership more transparent to people who live in the areas where impacts are felt. There may be a role for the Council as the regional plans unfold.

The GoA is becoming more integrated in its thinking about the interrelationships of air, land, water and biodiversity. Dana briefly described the natural resources and environment "pod," which involves the deputy ministers of the relevant departments, and its role in shaping and guiding decisions and thinking on these issues. The merger of Alberta Environment and Water and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) reflects this new approach to natural resources and environmental management. The new integrated department includes divisions for: strategy, policy, operations, integrated resource management planning, forestry, monitoring and science. The forestry division is being kept whole for now to ensure that forest fire management and other risks are appropriately managed; however, this division will not be developing policy. The intent is to retain scientific capacity in the department and find the right locations for its application. The next step will be to look at performance measures for ESRD and determine what refinements may be needed.

Monitoring direction is rapidly evolving, with the establishment of the new arm's length agency headed by Ernie Hui. ESRD will continue to work with this agency to ensure sufficient capacity in the short term. Over the next 6-12 months, the agency will work with the management board, headed by Dr. Howard Tennant, to develop a model for consideration by MLAs and Cabinet. Dana noted that WPACs should be in contact with Ernie and the new agency if they are contemplating monitoring activities. Implementation of the recommendations regarding a monitoring agency will rest with ESRD, as will any policy development. The future of WPACs with respect to monitoring will be discussed at a later time. There is no change in the vision for WPACs from a policy perspective.

The GoA is also acting on the six recommendations related to the Regulatory Enhancement Project. A Policy Management Office (PMO) has been created and is now being staffed; the PMO will report to the deputy ministers of Energy and ESRD. The GoA is establishing a single regulator, which will have a broader focus and more tools at its disposal. This means that the upstream energy industry will be able to deal with one agency for all aspects of an application, including air, land, water and biodiversity. Discussion is underway about how to build this new agency from the ERCB and some functions within ESRD. It could be in place as soon as June 2013, recognizing that further fine-tuning may be required. Part of the mandate for the PMO will be to identify policy gaps, and to create a clear transparent approach for public engagement.

Dana then responded to questions and comments from board members.

Q: Is Alberta intending to take over responsibilities related to fish habitat management now that the federal government is significantly reducing its role, including closing DFO offices in the province? If so, would those responsibilities rest with ESRD or the new regulator?

A: Policy matters would rest with ESRD, but compliance relative to upstream energy would rest with the new regulator. The province does not want to see known gaps created, but how to fill them is complicated; some can be rationalized, but others raise questions.

Q: If the new monitoring agency develops recommendations related to monitoring, evaluation and reporting, how will the GoA respond? Will these be policy decisions or will there be public consultations, or something else?

A: The agency may or may not develop recommendations, but if the matter is relatively simple, the GoA will deal with it. If it is more significant, with implications for the entire policy framework, then there would likely be some consultation. The new independent agency will evaluate data but the GoA will continue to develop trigger levels and other aspects related to the frameworks.

Q: Will other boards continue to operate as they do or will they change (e.g., Surface Rights Board, NRCB)?

A: These bodies are not likely to change. To the extent that an agency is involved with upstream energy, there will be changes but not all activities will be affected. Some roles will still be valid.

Q: The Alberta Utilities Commission does not seem to be part of the single regulator; is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: You mentioned that ESRD's strategy division would be looking long term – up to ten years out. Many decisions that affect the environment have 30-50 year time spans. Where will that thinking be reflected?

A: The intent is to have a water conversation soon and this type of issue should emerge in that process. This is obviously tied to money and life-cycle costing. This is not a simple issue but it should be on the table.

Q: Will the single regulator be limited to upstream oil and gas activities?

A: The legislation gives the regulator the authority to administer the *Public Lands Act*, the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and the *Water Act*, with regards to energy development. The Regulator will administer these Acts only for the oil and gas sector, and will not have authority for other sectors.

Q: To whom is the single regulator accountable?

A: To the GoA. It will have a board with a chair appointed by the GoA. The board will have authority to hire a CEO. Clear documents describing roles and mandate are being developed. The Chair will deal strictly with governance matters and hearings will be conducted by individuals with appropriate competencies. Some of the responsibilities now in ESRD will move over to the new agency, but the minister will still be responsible.

Q: There is presently no mechanism to obtain public interest standing on hearing applications, and it is hard for people to get standing before the boards for public interest reasons. Is the GoA planning to address this?

A: The GoA does not perceive this as a problem. Public interest is within the purview of the GoA and will remain there, not with the single regulator. The regulator will not be doing a public interest test and the matter of standing has not changed.

Q: The matter of public interest standing will continue to be raised by non-government organizations; there are often very good reasons why certain people should have standing before a board that is making decisions that affect people in the region. This has been a concern for some time, and with the establishment of a new body, there should be a way for these matters to be addressed. I encourage ESRD and the GoA to rise to the challenge and find a way to enable a sector to be heard.

A: I would direct you back to the PMO where you could have some influence.

Q: Some might say that with this approach, one sector is getting preferential treatment. How would you respond to that comment?

A: It's clear in the original report that the system needed to be fixed, and the rationale can be found in that document.

Q: What will these conversations with Albertans look like and how might AWC be involved?

A: This will be a conversation, not a consultation. The GoA knows it needs advice and wants to give people a chance to provide it. We want to find a way to reflect Albertans' priorities related to water in an integrated manner. There will be many opportunities to be involved.

Q: Are you looking at innovative practices to better enable us to protect the environment?

A: ESRD sees the department as strong environmental stewards. Approvals, compliance and broader systems pieces will remain with ESRD. We are exploring options for innovation in the department and ways to actually deliver on it.

3 Business Case for Council Hosting Conferences

The idea of AWC hosting conferences arose from an examination of long-term sustainable funding options by the Executive Committee. Jay White presented an overview of the short report that makes a business case for the Council to host conferences. Key criteria are that conferences need to be timely and address relevant topics, should raise the Council's profile and brand, and be, at a minimum, cost neutral. No decision has been made about how often such conferences might be held or how long the event might be. Potential topics would be considered for each conference. The board is being asked to support the general parameters and conditions laid out in the report, under which the Council would consider hosting a conference.

During discussion with the board, the following points and suggestions were noted:

- Any conference sponsored by AWC should consider WSGs and WPACs as part of the audience.
- The Council should ensure it considers the cost of a potential cancellation.
- Staff would provide project management but a conference planner would also likely be needed. A small steering committee (4-8 members) of board members would oversee the development of the conference.
- There will also continue to be opportunities to work with other partners and stakeholders to present the Council's work and possibly combine events (e.g., Alberta Innovates – Energy and Environment Solutions spring workshop).

Decision 35.6: The board approved the report: “Business Case for Council Hosting Conferences.”

4 Operational Planning – Project Selection

Gord Edwards reviewed the Operational Planning Project Selection process, as previously approved by the board. Two statements of opportunity (SOO) have come forward, both sponsored by the GoA; they have been screened and are considered appropriate for the Council to pursue.

Bev Yee presented the SOO for a symposium to “Explore Alternatives to Potable Water for Household, Municipal and Industrial Applications.” The GoA is working to develop policy on using reclaimed water and this issue has arisen with various AWC project teams. The GoA believes it would be valuable to look at this topic in more detail with experts and others.

A symposium would bring out a lot of ideas, that could possibly then go to a project team for further consideration and analysis.

The following comments and suggestions were noted during the board's discussion of the first SOO:

- The term “potable water” has health connotations, not *Water Act* connotations. It means something very specific. The title and scope of a potential symposium will need to be examined in more detail to ensure clarity, and this would be task of a Working Group or symposium steering committee.
- We need to look at situations in which certain kinds of non-potable water could be used instead of treated water for specific purposes.
- The stakeholder list should also include independent regulators such as the ERCB and NRCB.
- Municipalities will be interested in this topic, and the next municipal election will take place in fall 2013.
- Depending on the eventual scope of the symposium, a federal perspective may be needed on health, building codes or other issues.

Jamie Wuite then presented the second SOO on “Safeguarding Alberta’s Water Supplies and Ecosystems from Aquatic Invasive Species.” Some work is already underway related to regulation and specific species, but the issue has implications for a number of sectors. The GoA wants to establish a common scope and scale as well as timing and strategies to head off aquatic invasive species generally. The board briefly discussed this SOO; education will be part of the solution, but it won’t be the job of the Council to do public education.

Decision 35.7: The board agreed to work on both of the topics presented, starting in the next month to establish a Symposium steering committee, followed by the launch of a working group on aquatic invasive species in March 2013.

Staff will send out a call for members for the Symposium steering committee in the next month, and the Executive Committee will approve terms of reference and a work plan for this project so that work can begin promptly. The topic will be further discussed and refined by the steering committee with guidance as appropriate from the GoA, who is the sponsor.

The board also asked for an update on topics that did not come forward as SOOs.

- The “headwaters protection strategy” remains a topic of interest to various sectors, but would require support from the GoA as a client. It could be a potential future project once the GoA has addressed other issues, and the fisheries habitat sector will bring it forward again when timing is better.
- The “knowledge and awareness” topic did not evolve into a potential project.
- The “stormwater” topic has been incorporated into the SOO on the symposium, noted earlier.

The board asked staff to provide follow-up information on potential projects that were identified during strategic planning discussions but do not come forward as SOOs.

5 Process Guidelines Review

Gord Edwards noted that the Council's process guidelines are reviewed every three years. The board had two opportunities to provide input in the last four months, and Gord briefly reviewed the changes made in response to the two rounds of review, as reflected in the document in the briefing book.

Decision 35.8: The board approved the revised Process Guidelines.

6 Non-Point Source Pollution (NPSP) Project Team

Stephanie Neufeld, team co-chair, presented background on the NPSP team and its progress to date. Although the team has done a great deal of work, this is a complex issue and members need a little more time to finalize their recommendations and undertake formal stakeholder engagement. They are asking that their timeline be extended to March 2013. This would allow seven weeks for stakeholder engagement in late November, December and January. Sectors have already been consulted on an earlier draft. The team envisions providing advice to ESRD on monitoring non-point sources of pollution; ESRD noted that this report could affect their approach with respect to monitoring cumulative effects.

Decision 35.9: The board approved an amendment to the Non-Point Source Pollution Project Team terms of reference under TIMELINES and DELIVERABLES, which would see the timeline for the final report recommendations (third bullet) changed from October 2012 to March 2013.

7 Sector Planning for CEP Project Team

John Skowronski reviewed the team's objectives and its progress since the last update in June. He noted the team's accomplishments and various aspects that members have come to better understand. The team has consensus on two recommendations and is seeking agreement on a third as it works to revise its report. Members agreed at their last meeting that they would like to bring forward a full report and recommendations if possible, so the team is asking for an extension of its terms of reference to March 2013. If members cannot reach consensus on the report in time to present to the March 2013 board meeting, the board will be asked simply to accept the consensus recommendations and disband the team.

The following points emerged during the board's discussion of this item:

- Some board members wondered whether another five months would in fact enable the team to move forward. It was also suggested that a mediator or other professional might be able to help advance the work. The team thinks it can move ahead with a firm deadline; outside expertise was used earlier in the process and the team does not think it is needed at this time.
- The team was encouraged to reflect its discussions in the report even if they don't have consensus. This information would be useful for the next CEP team, the board, and other stakeholders to help them understand the breadth of discussion and the issues that the team considered.
- One area of difficulty has been that some issues are considered by some stakeholders as out of scope. "Scope creep" would be a concern; if issues not originally part of the terms of reference are now being included, the right people may not be at the table and the report could be misleading. If there are disagreements on scope, then the terms of reference should have come back to the board for review. Issues may be out

of scope for the team to specifically address in its recommendations but still have bearing on the team's work; the question is where those discussions should be captured. However, at this point, it is late to be deciding whether something is in scope or not.

- It was also noted that perhaps the environmental sector will do a separate report providing their thoughts and feedback on the sector reports and general approach to water CEP.

Decision 35.10: The board approved amending the terms of reference for the Sector Planning for CEP project team, which extends the timelines for the team's report by replacing the words "October 2012" with "March 2013" in the second bullet of the Timelines and Deliverables section.

8 Riparian Land Conservation and Management Project Team

Norine Ambrose and Stephanie Neufeld provided background on this project, including objectives, progress and a summary of what has been learned from the consultant's work. They also presented a summary of what the final report will include and described the process used by the team to develop its definition of riparian lands, which is a key task in the terms of reference; the team gathered comments on the draft definition through prior presentation to and discussion with the board as well as via sector engagement. The team considered all comments received and how to address them. The team is now seeking approval in principle from the board for the draft definition of "riparian lands." The preamble to the definition is included in the briefing book, along with the footnotes referenced in the definition text.

The following points were noted by board members and by the presenters in the discussion of the draft definition:

- This is a scientific and ecological definition, not a legal definition. The team regards the key characteristics of riparian lands as part of the definition. It was developed for use by the team and to provide context for its work, but others could use it when the team's work is done. This potential for use by others concerned some board members, but the team and the Council cannot control such usage.
- The team used *Water Act* definitions for terms such as "floodplains" where the definitions existed. They sought to balance rigor with making the definition concise and publicly accessible.
- The definition could be used by sectors as guidance, but any regulations would take precedence over the definition.
- Sectors represented on the team agreed that this is what they mean by riparian lands, so the definition is a piece of knowledge created by the team to help explain why riparian land conservation and management is important.
- Some board members thought their sectors may not accept this text as a definition. It was pointed out that the definition does not address land use, nor does it preclude any land uses on riparian lands.

The board did not agree to approve in principle the project team's definition of "riparian lands." The co-chairs indicated that the team would continue to work on its recommendations but not having an approved definition is something of a problem, since this is part of the team's terms of reference. The team will bring its final report to the board in March 2013.

Sectors that could not support the definition, offered the following advice:

- Broaden the definition to include some of what is in the preamble and perhaps add text on associated water bodies to provide clarification. The current definition aims to be concise and contains a lot of knowledge and applications in very few sentences.
- Consider calling it an ecological definition specifically.

9 Water for Life Implementation Review Committee

Tom Davis described the background on this committee, noting the three previous WFL implementation reviews undertaken by the Council. This review followed the AWC's approved "how-to guide." A considerable amount of work has been done by the GoA since the team's review timeline ended December 31, 2011. More than half of the actions in the WFL Action Plan are completed or progressing on track. Tom presented the team's ten recommendations and noted that 2013 will be the tenth anniversary of the WFL launch.

The board briefly discussed the report and recommendations.

Decision 35.11: The board approved:

1. *The report, "Review of Implementation Progress of Water for Life, 2009-2011," with the following amendments:*
 - *Amend recommendation 5 by deleting the tenth word "more", so the phrase reads: "...working closely with...."*
 - *Amend recommendation 8 by inserting "additional" immediately before economic instruments, so the phrase reads: "The Government of Alberta investigate the use of additional economic instruments..."*
2. *The Communications Plan for release of this report.*

10 New or Other Business

Keith Murray distributed copies of an update to the Forest Sector's Water CEP Plan. The initial plan included information up to 2009, and the update includes data from 2009-2011. Among other things, the 2011 update shows a 5% reduction in the annual amount of water withdrawn between 2000 and 2009. As well, the return of water to the river has increased from 92% in 2009 to nearly 95% in 2011. The sector is also working with ESRD on a report looking at dissolved oxygen in ice-covered rivers, and this should be available before the end of 2012.

John Zhou shared information about a request for proposals for the water sustainability program within Alberta Innovates – Energy and Environment Solutions. Water CEP is one of the three areas on which the RFP focuses. Program is focused on science and providing knowledge for policy makers and industry partners. Work on the projects is expected to begin in a few months.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Attachment 1: Meeting #35 Attendees

Council Directors and Alternates

Maureen Bell, NGO (Environmental)
Elaine Bellamy, Industry (Cropping)
Mark Brostrom, Government (Large Urban)
Ken Brown, NGO (WPACs)
Bob Cameron, NGO (Environmental)
Martin Chamberlin, GOA and Provincial
Authorities (Alberta Energy)
Chris Fordham, Industry (Mining)
Les Gammie, NGO (WPACs)
Jim Hackett, Industry (Power Generation)
Al Kemmere, Government (Rural)
Stuart Lunn, Industry (Mining)
Sharon McKinnon, Industry (Cropping)
Ron McMullin, Industry (Irrigation)
Keith Murray, Industry (Forestry)
Tara Payment, Industry (Oil and Gas)
Richard Phillips, Industry (Irrigation)
Al Schulz, Industry (Chemical and
Petrochemical)
Tracy Scott, NGO (Wetland Habitat
Conservation)
John Skowronski, Industry (Chemical and
Petrochemical)

Judy Stewart, NGO (Lake Environment
Conservation)
Jeff Surtees, NGO (Fisheries Habitat
Conservation)
Stuart Thiessen, Industry (Livestock)
Jason Unger, NGO (Environmental)
Jay White, NGO (Lake Environment
Conservation)
Dana Woodworth, GOA and Provincial
Authorities (Alberta Environment and
Sustainable Resource Development)
Jamie Wuite, GOA and Provincial
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Rural Development)
Bev Yee, (Alberta Environment and
Sustainable Resource Development)
John Zhou, GOA and Provincial Authorities
(Alberta Innovates – Energy and
Environment Solutions)
Gord Edwards, AWC Executive Director

Presenters:

Gord Edwards, *Update Report on Implementation Progress of Council Recommendations; Management Report; 2013 Operating Budget; Membership Review; Operational Planning, Process Guidelines* (Items 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 4.0, 5.0)
Dana Woodworth, *GoA Update* (Item 2.0)
Jay White, *Business Case for Council Hosting Conferences* (Item 3.0)
Bev Yee and Jamie Wuite, *Operational Planning Project Selection* (Item 4.0)
Stephanie Neufeld, *Non-Point Source Pollution; Riparian Land Conservation and Management Project Team* (Items 6.0 and 8.0)
John Skowronski, *Sector Planning for CEP Project Team* (Item 7.0)
Norine Ambrose, *Riparian Land Conservation and Management Project Team* (Item 8.0)
Tom Davis, *Water for Life Implementation Review* (Item 9.0)

Guests:

Arin MacFarlane-Dyer, Alberta Lake Management Society
Sharon Willianen and Linda Jabs, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

AWC Staff and Contractors:

Andre Asselin, Alesha Hill, Petra Rowell, Kim Sanderson, Terry Sly

Absent with Regrets:

Carolyn Campbell, NGO (Environmental)
Lars DePauw, Industry (Oil and Gas)
Dawn Friesen, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Health)
Colin Jeffares, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development)
Robert L'Hirondelle, Government (Metis Settlements General Council)
Perry McCormick, NGO (Wetland Habitat Conservation)
Rob Pritchard, Government (Large Urban)
Janelle Saskiw, Government (Small Urban)

Attachment 2: Meeting #35 Action Item Log

No administrative action items were noted for this meeting.

Attachment 3: Meeting #35 Decision Log

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NOTE: Broad Category caucusing from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL

- 9:00 1.0 Administration – Chair 45 min**
- 1.1 Welcome, review health and safety and approve agenda
 - 1.2 Appointment of Executive Officers – Government, Non-Government Organization and Government of Alberta and Provincial Authorities
 - 1.3 Appointment of President
 - 1.4 Approve Summary Report from June 14, 2012 meeting
 - 1.5 Review of actions from last meeting
 - 1.6 Review Update Report on Implementation Progress of Council Recommendations
 - 1.7 Review Management Report
 - 1.8 Approve AWC Proposed 2013 Core Operating Budget
 - 1.9 Membership Review Update
 - 1.10 Approve meeting dates for 2013
- 9:45 2.0 Government of Alberta Update 30 min**
Hear an update from the GoA.
- 10:15 Break 15 min**
- 10:30 3.0 Business Case for Council Hosting Conferences 15 min**
Approve the Business Case for Council Hosting Conferences Report
- 10:45 4.0 Operational Planning – Project Selection 45 min**
Select new work and establish launch dates.
- 11:30 5.0 Process Guidelines Review 15 min**
Approve the updated Process Guidelines.
- 11:45 6.0 Non-Point Source (NPS) Pollution Project Team 15 min**
Approve the proposed extension to the team's terms of reference.
- 12:00 Lunch (provided in the room) 45 min**
- 12:45 7.0 Sector Planning for CEP Project Team 45 min**
Provide direction to the team on finalizing their report.
- 1:30 8.0 Riparian Land Conservation and Management Project Team 30 min**
Approve the definition for Riparian Lands, hear an update on the direction of the final report.
- 2:00 9.0 Water for Life Implementation Review Committee 45 min**
Approve the final report and communication plan.
- 2:45 10.0 New or Other Business 15 min**
New items of business or other items of information for Council.
- 3:00 Adjournment**