Project Team	Rec #	Project Completion	Implementer	Implementation Target	Recommendation	Status at-a-glance			Status
						Implemented	In Progress	Not Under Consideration at this time	*NOTE* The updates below are provided by the identified implementer(s) and do not necessarily reflect the interpretation of the Alberta Water Council
Wetland Policy	1	16-Sep-08	ESRD, WPACs		**Manage impacts to wetlands** - From a regulatory perspective, this will be achieved through use of the Wetland Mitigation Decision Framework.		●		AEP applied the wetland policy recommendations provided by the AWC in preparing *Wetlands - Policy Intent* (2010). This document, in conjunction with the AWC recommendations and the input of a working group of expert stakeholders, formed the basis for development of a new provincial wetland policy. This policy incorporates the concept of 'relative wetland value', which recognizes that individual wetlands perform a range of different functions on the landscape. As such, not all wetlands are equal – a fact that must be considered in the execution of informed wetland management decisions. Multiple external and internal stakeholders have helped inform the policy development process to date. The AWC recommendations remain foundational to ongoing policy work.
Wetland Policy	2	16-Sep-08	ESRD, WPACs		**Be proactive by setting wetland objectives and by integrating policy and planning** - this will be achieved by developing a multi-stakeholder process for establishing watershed and regional wetland objectives that consider ecological, social and economic values; integrating the objectives into planning, policy and management processes; using performance measurement, monitoring and reporting to determine whether objectives are met; and responding adaptively.		●		During the fall of 2013, the Government of Alberta publicly announced the Alberta Wetland Policy. The intent of this policy is to provide a comprehensive, consistent, and predictable management system for all wetlands across all areas of Alberta. The Policy, which is enabled under the provincial Water Act, sets out a long-term goal, desired outcomes, strategies, and key components of the envisioned management system.
Wetland Policy	3	16-Sep-08	WFL Partners, ESRD		**Encourage voluntary stewardship** - All Albertans are encouraged to increase wetland area through voluntary stewardship. The GOA and its partners will also work with willing landowners on wetland restoration, construction and enhancement. Further, the GOA and its partners will develop tools that facilitate stewardship to increase wetland area, as well as tools that facilitate working with willing landowners on wetland restoration, construction and enhancement. These tools may include initiatives such as education and awareness, and voluntary programs and/or incentives that encourage wetland protection, conservation and restoration activities. It will be essential to recognize ongoing good works by stewardship groups, municipalities, industry and other stakeholders.		●		The Alberta Wetland Policy (AWP) will replace Wetland Management in the Settled Areas of Alberta: An Interim Policy (1993). Whereas the Interim Policy was constrained to the White Area of the province, the AWP seeks to address increasing pressures of development and population growth throughout the province. The Alberta Wetland Policy is being implemented through a phased approach over two years; implementation will occur first in the White (settled) Area of the province, followed by the Green Area (crown lands). Implementation of the Alberta Wetland Policy has proven be a complex, multi-year undertaking. It is being led by Environment and Parks (AEP), in partnership with other Government of Alberta ministries, and with the support of multiple different stakeholders and stakeholder organizations. The project has involved development of new science-based policy tools, and design of business processes that enable integrated, adaptive, outcomes-based governance and management.

Wetland Policy	4	16-Sep-08	WFL Partners, ESRD		**Build knowledge and capacit**y - This will be achieved by collaborative partnership, coordination, provision of infrastructure, and financial and human capacity. Policy implementation must occur across many decision-making levels, with enhanced cooperation between individuals, local municipalities, First Nations, Métis Settlements and other Aboriginal communities and individuals, and provincial government departments. Inter-sectoral involvement and linkages will be essential in building knowledge and capacity.		●	AEP implemented the Alberta Wetland Policy in the White Area on June 1st, 2015. As of that date, any new Water Act applications for wetland development activities have been subject to the tools and requirements of the Alberta Wetland Policy. Any White Area applications based on field assessments completed during the 2013 or 2014 field seasons will continue to be assessed in the context of the interim policy. This is due to the fact that field assessments completed in accordance with the requirements of the interim policy will not afford sufficient data to enable to the relative value based analyses applied under the Alberta Wetland Policy.

Green Area implementation of the Alberta Wetland Policy is expected to occur on June 1st, 2016.

AEP is currently exploring tools and avenues for a) wetland protection and b) prioritization of wetland restoration with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, the Alberta Association for Municipal Districts and Counties, their member municipalities, WPACs, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and regional planners. Once in place, these key pieces will round out the wetland management system in Alberta and enable achievement of objectives identified in the Alberta Wetland Policy. |
| Wetland Policy | 5 | 16-Sep-08 | ESRD, WPACs | | **Protect wetlands of exceptional value** - This will be achieved by developing a process, criteria and tools to identify and protect Alberta wetlands that are locally, regionally, provincially, nationally or internationally exceptional. | | ● | |
| Wetland Policy | 6 | 16-Sep-08 | ESRD, WPACs | | Develop and implement a new, cutting edge policy for all of Alberta. | | ● | |