

Water for Life Implementation Review 2009–2011 Recommendations

Project Team	Rec #	Project Completion	Implementer	Implementation Target	Recommendation	Status at-a-glance			Status
						Implemented	In Progress	Not Under Consideration at this time	
2011 WFLIR	1	October 2012	GOA		The Government of Alberta continue to develop, adopt and promote a watershed, risk-based, source-to-tap drinking water management approach that includes source protection planning, effective monitoring and compliance of point and non-point source pollution, and efficient and effective water distribution systems.		●		AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015.
2011 WFLIR	2	October 2012	GOA and stakeholders		The Government of Alberta and stakeholders complete outstanding Healthy Aquatic Ecosystem actions including: finalize and implement a wetland policy (Action 2.1), protect critical aquatic ecosystems (Action 2.2) and set water conservation objectives for each basin (Action 2.5).		●		Wetland Policy was released in Fall 2013.
2011 WFLIR	3	October 2012	GOA and partners		The Government of Alberta continue to work with its partners to: develop the best available science-based methods and tools to better define requirements for healthy aquatic ecosystems and performance measures; incorporate healthy aquatic ecosystem assessment and management into the province's new integrated cumulative effects monitoring and management systems; and publicly report on progress towards the achievement of healthy aquatic ecosystem outcomes.		●		AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015.
2011 WFLIR	4	October 2012	GOA		The Government of Alberta complete the water allocation review via transparent, broad-based public consultation based on socio-economic and environmental objectives; ensure current and future water demand and supply are understood in each basin; and make this information and other water use data publicly available to inform regional, municipal and other land-use planning initiatives.		●		AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015.
2011 WFLIR	5	October 2012	GOA and WFL partners		The Government of Alberta and its <i>Water for Life</i> partners, working closely with research and academic institutions and other education and outreach providers, revisit the knowledge and research key direction and develop a plan to improve public and sector understanding of the value of water to better inform public policy and decision making.		● ● ●		AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015. AWC: Building on the outcomes of the water conversations of 2013, AWC work in the area of water literacy will contribute to the GoA's environmental literacy framework. WPACs: WPACs are supporting the AWC water literacy work, and each WPAC conducts public education throughout the year.

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2011 WFLIR	6	October 2012	WFL Partnerships		<i>Water for Life</i> partnerships clearly identify their capacity needs in relation to provincial and basin <i>Water for Life</i> priorities and seek collaborative approaches to long-term sustainable resourcing of these needs.		● ● ●		GoA: AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015. AWC: Applies for an ESRD grant every year to support operations to achieve their mandate as laid out in their current business plan. Project specific funding is sought from sectors as needed. WPACs: Applies for an ESRD grant every year for operational funds to support their work under <i>Water for Life</i> . Project specific funding is sought from sectors as needed.
2011 WFLIR	7	October 2012	Water-Using sectors with CEP plans		Water-using sectors with water conservation, efficiency and productivity (CEP) plans raise awareness of their plans by promoting them to their members, thus encouraging all members to develop individual CEP plans or strategies to contribute to CEP gains.		●		The sector organizations that developed CEP plans work very closely with their members and raise awareness of the plans. Updates to the AWC on the implementation status of sector CEP plans is expected in 2015.
2011 WFLIR	8	October 2012	GOA		The Government of Alberta investigate the use of additional economic instruments, applied in an equitable manner, to encourage water conservation, efficiency and productivity and determine how this approach will contribute to the achievement of all three <i>Water for Life</i> goals.		●		AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015.
2011 WFLIR	9	October 2012	WFL partnerships and GOA		<i>Water for Life</i> partnerships, in undertaking iterative and adaptive watershed assessment and planning, continue to work with the Government of Alberta and other sectors to integrate this work into the provincial cumulative effects management system and regional, municipal, resource and other land-use planning initiatives.		● ●		AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015. AWC: Does not undertake watershed assessment and planning. WPACs: continue to work with watershed planning and other planning initiatives.
2011 WFLIR	10	October 2012	GOA	2015	The Government of Alberta develop quantitative performance criteria and clear metrics that assess the progress towards <i>Water for Life</i> goals and key directions before the next Alberta Water Council strategy review in 2015.		●		AWC recommendations (2012) to GoA will be incorporated into the renewal of the Water for Life Action Plan, which is scheduled to begin in 2015.