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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
MWA	1	16-Jun-11	GoA/AWC/WPACs/ASN	Ongoing twice a year	The GOA and each WFL partnership, where appropriate, commit resources where available to build and/or update their own websites regularly (at least twice per year), posting appropriate materials such as data and reports as soon as they are available.	● ● ● ●			<p>ASN Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Land Stewardship Centre posts information and resources on ASN web pages that are updated as needed to reflect new information and resources. <p>WPACs: Individual WPAC websites are being updated on a regular basis. The www.AlbertaWPACs.ca website is now active and serves as a centralized source of information and links to Alberta's eleven WPACs.</p> <p>AWC: A staff person is responsible for regularly updating the AWC website.</p> <p>GOA: AEP has staff assigned to the task of updating the WFL website. Regular updates and information are posted as new information becomes available.</p>
MWA	2	16-Jun-11	GoA	Biennially	The GOA coordinate with the partnerships to produce a biennial WFL implementation progress report in an appropriate format, and that these reports include, to the extent possible, all major contributions by governments, partnerships and sectors to the achievement of WFL. The GOA and its partners are also encouraged to report more frequently on their progress using a variety of means including web updates, verbal updates to the Alberta Water Council, etc.	●			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2012, the GOA released its WFL Progress Report (2008-2011) as a summation of actions and initiatives undertaken by the GOA as per the WFL Action Plan. In the future, the GOA is looking to use the WFL website to provide regular updates and current information on GOA activities in support of WFL, rather than producing periodic progress reports. Opportunity exists to expand the "Partnerships" page on the WFL website to also report on the contribution of these partnerships toward the achievement of WFL outcomes. The GOA regularly provides a "WFL Implementation – GOA update" as a standing agenda item at AWC Board meetings.
MWA	3	16-Jun-11	GoA	Start by February 2012	The GOA work with the partnerships to develop and implement a marketing strategy to promote WFL and the work of its partnerships to a broad spectrum of sectors, stakeholders and the public (i.e., promote the partnership brand). This should be commenced within six months.	●			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOA showcases the value of the WFL partnerships through our unwavering commitment with over 10 years of continuous participation. ESRD intentionally takes advantage of every opportunity to promote the WFL Strategy and the partnerships. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making formal presentations to incoming national/international delegations and outgoing missions; Inviting WPACs to co-host 2013 Water Conversation session; Showcasing WFL partners at annual WPAC forum, as well as advertising and attending WPAC summits; Connecting the various WFL partnerships into the lake management planning work currently being undertaken by ESRD, including the Central Alberta Recreational Lakes initiative;

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									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually enhancing features of the WFL website so as to showcase the successes of WFL and its partnerships; Regularly providing AWC/WPAC updates to GoA WFL Steering Committee; Promoting success of WFL partnerships internally through internal communication avenues; Identifying WPACs as a key component within the suite of multi-stakeholder organizations for which more purposeful engagement is being pursued through the IRMS Working with Others initiative.
MWA	4	16-Jun-11	GoA	Biennially	The GOA and the partnerships starting in 2012 jointly discuss organization of a biennial “partnerships update and shared learnings” session.		●		GOA continues to investigate options for bringing together the WFL partnerships, including hosting two WPAC Forums per year, and expanding the Forum agenda to incorporate matters relevant to all WFL partnerships. (Actions noted in this recommendation also contribute to Recommendation #6)
MWA	5	16-Jun-11	GoA/AWC/WPACs/ASN	December 1, 2011	Each partnership, within six months of approval of this report, direct the reader to a partnership page on their own website that provides links to the other WFL partnerships websites.	●			<p>ASN Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produced and currently distributing LSC “Report to Community” which lists LSC partners, including AWC and WPACs The ASN web page includes a link to the GoA Water For Life partnerships page. <p>WPACs: Partnerships are discussed on most WPAC websites, although few have a distinct partnership page. Most WPACs have links to other WPACs and watershed stewardship groups. Few link to the AB Water Council.</p> <p>AWC: The AWC has a “Partnerships” page on its website with links to all WPACs and the ASN Program. http://www.awchome.ca/Partnerships/tabid/60/Default.aspx</p> <p>GOA: WFL website hosts a “Partnerships” page where WFL partnerships are described. Further information provided on partnership-specific pages with links to the websites of AWC, individual WPACs, and ASN Stewardship Directory and LSCC ASN Program (as communication hub to WSGs).</p>
MWA	6	16-Jun-11	GoA	Annually	The GOA work with the partnerships to jointly develop a formal process for periodic meetings, starting with an initial meeting with focused representation to be held annually, for the purpose of identifying shared areas of concern, opportunities for collaboration and redundancies.	●			AEP, on behalf of GoA, typically hosts an annual WPAC spring forum to inform and update these partnerships on matters of interest to them. AEP commits to inviting the Alberta Water Council and LSCC (as the umbrella group for WSGs) to attend.
MWA	7	16-Jun-11	AWC	February 1, 2012	The AWC work with the ASN and WSG community to develop, communicate and facilitate a formal process to solicit input from WSGs for the WFL Implementation Review process.	●			AWC and ASN signed an MOU, supported by the WSG community for the ASN to circulate the AWC sector survey to solicit WSG input and allow the ASN to synthesize the responses into a single response – ASN acts as the survey coordinator for WSG sector
MWA	8	16-Jun-11	AWC	February 1, 2012	The AWC inform its members, other WFL partnerships and other sectors and stakeholders about their processes for bringing issues forward within six months of approval of this report.	●			The statement of opportunity process is communicated to stakeholders via the AWC newsletter and the relevant documents are posted on the AWC website.

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MWA	9	16-Jun-11	GoA/WSGs/WPACs/AWC	Annually	Any sector receiving recommendations from the AWC, WPACs and any other source, provide an annual update to its WFL partnerships indicating what policy recommendations it has received in the past and what action has been taken.	● ●	●	WPACs: Alberta WPACs provide an annual update to its WFL partnerships following the WPAC summit every fall. AWC: The AWC has developed a recommendation tracking process which supports its obligations to report annually on implementation progress of its recommendations. GoA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoA provides annual updates to the AWC 's recommendation tracking process. GoA continues to improve its review process of WPAC watershed management plans to ensure WPACs are provided meaningful responses to recommendations. Investigating improvements to ESRD WFL website so as to be able to post plans and recommendations, and to report on status and action taken.
MWA	10	16-Jun-11	WSGs/WPACs/AWC	Annually starting in 2012	The AWC, WPACs and WSGs annually (starting in 2012) communicate GOA responses to their recommendations to a broader sector audience of affected stakeholders by posting responses on their website and generally making them available upon request with the understanding that the other partnerships will also share this information with their memberships.	●	● ●	WSGs (ASN Program): LSC shares information related to policy recommendations as appropriate. WPACs: Alberta WPACs is considering a dedicated webpage at www.AlbertaWPACs.ca to communicate GOA responses to WPAC recommendations. AWC: Staff have developed a recommendation implementation tracking system which gives implementers the opportunity to provide updates on the implementation status of recommendations targeted at them, including GoA. Detailed reports and update reports are posted to the AWC's webpage annually.
MWA	11	16-Jun-11	WPACs	August 1, 2012	Each WPAC develops a mechanism within the next year to engage and seek input from the WSGs in their watershed.	●		All WPACs have procedures in place for WSG participation
MWA	12	16-Jun-11	WPACs	February 1, 2013	The WPACs collectively develop a process within the next 18 months to determine which issues are appropriate to take forward to the AWC for consideration.	●		Alberta WPACs have completed a process to determine issues to be brought forward to AWC for consideration.
MWA	13	16-Jun-11	ASN/WSGs	Annually	The ASN use its needs assessment process, annual workshop, or other mechanisms to provide a forum for discussion of WSG water issues, and to encourage WSGs to work with their WPAC on bringing these issues forward annually	●		Land Stewardship Centre, through its Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN) program, continues to enhance its suite of services to the stewardship community. ASN hosted a series of Stewards in Motion (SIM) workshops in 2014-2015 across the province to enhance collaboration and project implementation among WSGs, WPACs, local municipalities, and others interested in achieving stewardship outcomes. Each event was attended by approximately 30 people. Participants had the opportunity to not only actively learn, share, and engage in conversations across sectors, they were also introduced to a new tool, the Environmental Stewardship Planning Framework, that will help move stewardship efforts forward. Each SIM workshop included informative presentations which provide context for the Framework, and interactive group work focused on guiding participants through collaborative project planning and implementation. Events were held in Lac La Biche, Buffalo Lake, and Red Deer, with one additional event planned for Claresholm in March.. LSC plans to expand the Stewards in Motion concept to include an informative webinar series.

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MWA	14	16-Jun-11	ASN/WSGs	Ongoing	The ASN continue to provide a portal for WSGs to access information on other partnership activities in Alberta and beyond, and that they continue to showcase to other partnerships and to the broader provincial and national stewardship community, the good work of Alberta's stewardship groups and how it supports the achievement of WFL on an ongoing basis.	●			The Land Stewardship Centre provides access to information and to showcase the work of stewards. A variety of tools are available to inform WSGs on partner activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online resources for stewards pages share information on key stewardship topics; • The ASN newsletter (5 per year) reaches ~300 individual stewards and feature important partner information, including stewardship showcases; • Active outreach initiatives including workshops, speaking engagements, and community events are used to share information; • Updated stewardship directory ensures access to whole stewardship community; • Helping to showcase stewardship activities by actively voicing the role of stewardship in partner working groups to create reports, plan events, and develop projects. • Compiling project location data in order to map the impact of its Watershed Stewardship Grant program. •SIM regional event series which provides a venue for WSGs to connect with each other as well as municipalities, WPACs and other partners involved in WFL
MWA	15	16-Jun-11	AWC	December 1, 2011	The AWC work with the ASN and the WSG community to develop a process within six months of report approval to select members to represent WSGs on AWC project teams, where appropriate.	●			AWC and ASN have signed an MOU, supported by the WSG community for the ASN to act as the portal to put out a call for delegates from the WSG community. AWC and ASN will develop a process for selecting representative(s) from WSG community as required.