Water Literacy (July 2016)

Rec #	Recommendation	Implementer(s)	Implementation Target	Last Status Update (Year provided)	2019 Status	Comments from Latest Update (Please include any new comments in track changes)
1	The Government of Alberta collaborate with partner organizations such as the Alberta Council for Environmental Education to improve the water literacy component of existing water portals, or develop a new interactive water literacy portal. These portals would promote water literacy tools, events, networking, collaboration and information sharing among water literacy practitioners and policy makers and should be in place by the end of 2017.	Government of Alberta	2017	Pending – to be completed (2018)	Implemented: As Written (2019)	The Water Channel has been launched and remains an active platform for water literacy practitioners to access resources, ask questions and interact with one another. We will continue to add new resources and tools as they become available.
2	The Government of Alberta work with partner organizations to build on existing work and develop new tools to assist water literacy practitioners in designing, delivering and evaluating the success and effectiveness of programs, by the end of 2018.	Government of Alberta	2018	Pending – to be completed (2018)	Pending – to be completed (2019)	A workshop will be held with water literacy practitioners in 2019 to create a collection of templates for designing, delivering and evaluating successful water literacy programs.
3	Between now and the end of 2018, the Government of Alberta work with partner organizations such as Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils and others to: a) improve the dissemination of existing water literacy products and programs b) develop products and programs to inform Albertans on basic water topics to address gaps identified in this report	Government of Alberta	2018	Pending – to be completed (2018)	Pending – to be completed (2019)	 A social media campaign was completed with partners such as WPACs for Canadian Water Week March 19-23, 2018. The purpose of this campaign was to share current water literacy products and address knowledge gaps. The hashtag #ABWater continues to be used to create a conversation around Alberta water. Project WET Canada is a fun, hands-on, inquiry learning based, water education program for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students. A Project Wet Facilitator Leadership Workshop was completed by 6 new individuals to increase capacity for training workshops for teachers. Work will continue to disseminate new resources as they become available.
4	The Government of Alberta and partner organizations annually assess their distribution of funding and resource support to ensure supported initiatives are improving water literacy in Alberta through effective program planning and evaluation.	Government of Alberta and partner organizations	Annually, ongoing	Pending – to be completed (2018)	Pending – to be completed (2019)	AEP is still in the process of a WPAC role review and will be targeting support towards environmental education programs that use best practices, address knowledge gaps that are identified in the assessment tool and support the water literacy recommendations.
5	The Government of Alberta and partner organizations use the assessment tool described in this report through outreach and engagement activities to inform water literacy program design, delivery and evaluation.	Government of Alberta and partner organizations	Ongoing	Pending – to be completed (2018)	Pending – to be completed (2019)	 The assessment tool created by the project team was turned into an online survey and is promoted by AEP and partners at trade shows and events throughout the year. In the 2017/18 fiscal year, 240 people completed the survey. Results of the 2017/18 survey were presented at the WPAC summit in Peace River. The survey is currently active and results will be summarized at the end of the 2018/19 fiscal year. After this 2018/19 fiscal year ends, the survey will not be reopened.