

# Alberta Water Council / Water for Life

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# Presentation Outline

- WFL / AWC Overview
- *Water for Life* Partnerships
- CASA – AWC Coordination

# *Water for Life*

- The *Water for Life* strategy identified three types of partnerships that will share responsibility for identifying and developing solutions to water-related issues in Alberta:
  - Watershed Stewardship Groups (local)
  - Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (regional/watershed)
  - Alberta Water Council (provincial)

# About the Alberta Water Council

- A multi-stakeholder partnership of 24 industry, NGO, and government sectors with an interest in water
- Uses consensus decision making
- In 2007, the Council transitioned to become a not-for-profit society
- Where possible was modeled after CASA

# What do we do?

- Champion the *Water for Life* outcomes:
  - Safe, secure drinking water
  - Healthy aquatic ecosystems
  - Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy
- Monitor and report on implementation progress of the *Water for Life* strategy
- Develop water policy recommendations

# The *Water for Life* partnerships:

Provincial-Scale  
Policy  
Advice

Alberta  
Water  
Council

Watershed  
Planning  
and Advisory  
Councils

Watershed  
Planning

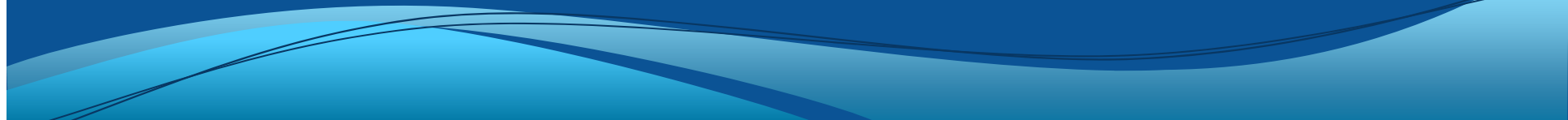
*Water  
for Life*

Watershed  
Stewardship  
Groups

Government  
Of Alberta

Local Projects

Responsibility  
and  
Accountability



# WPAC – AWC Relationship

How WPACs are connected to the Council:

1. Participants
2. Initiators
3. Implementers
4. Influencers



# Participants

Participants develop solutions

Currently

- Director / Alternate on Board
- Member of Working Groups / Project Teams / Committees
- Moving from Words to Actions Project Team
- New Project

# Initiators

Initiators bring issues forward for resolution

## Currently

- Via Business Planning Process
- Via Statement of Opportunity
- WPACs, as a group, will be bringing forward an issue (Riparian Policy)

# Implementer

Implementers work towards improvements

Currently

- Contributing to the creation of innovative tools that support the development of WMPs and SOWs

# Influencers

## Influencers change the system

### Currently

- Participate in AWC's Implementation Review of *Water for Life*
- Champion *Water for Life* and its Partnerships

### Future opportunities

- WFL implementation reviews will now specifically look at WPACs' barriers & opportunities in developing SOWs and WMPs

# How AWC Can Participate with WPACs

- Provide regular update to WPACs on the activities of AWC
- Participate in WPAC Summits
- Moving from Words to Actions team will improve communication & coordination between the partnerships

# CASA – AWC Coordination

- Process Guidelines
- Enhanced Collaboration with AWC Committee
- Consensus Decision Making Toolkit
- Note that coordination is centered on processes
- Always looking for opportunities



Thank you!  
Questions?