

2023 ISSUES AND TASKS FOR THE TRI-SOVEREIGNS, BAC, AND WORK GROUP MEMBERS

2023 Tri-Sovereign Tasks

- Launch Basin Study in partnership with US Bureau of Reclamation and plan for integration with the BAC
- Develop a water co-management proposal
- Clearly communicate metering priorities and work with the BAC to implement
- Agree on process to document investments and accomplishments in the Basin
- Host public workshops on USGS study and the Basin Strategy

2023 BAC Tasks

- Assist in prioritizing projects for funding or implementation.
- Continue briefings to familiarize BAC with projects and efforts in basin
- Review bi-state co-management strategy proposal developed by Tri-Sovereigns
- Discuss and establish expectation around sharing water management data and accountability
- Discuss, contribute, and commit to funding strategy
- Develop a strategic approach to increase BAC member involvement
- Review and contribute to Tier 1 strategy scoping memos (Monitoring and Metering, Floodplains and Habitat, Water Quality, Streamflows, Groundwater and Water Supply, and Water Policy and Management)
- Refine actions to improve implementor capacity based on suggestions from the Implementation Work Group
- Consider options provided by each Work Group on key issues and recommend next steps to the Tri-Sovereigns

2023 Implementation WG Tasks

- Provide input on the development of Tier 1 strategy scoping memos (Monitoring and Metering, Floodplains and Habitat, Water Quality, Streamflows, Groundwater and Water Supply, and Water Policy and Management)
- Vet and prioritize projects, coordinate funding requests, and share and collaborate on implementation efforts

- Discuss and identify capacity needs of current and potential implementors across the Basin
- Develop approach to best capture projects accomplishments since June 2021
- Initiate conversations about key issues that need actions and develop options for BAC consideration (e.g. basin-wide monitoring, water use metering, floodplain regulatory landscape, land acquisition projects, South Fork Walla Walla River Road, Mill Creek Long-term vision, etc.)

2023 Policy, Funding, and Outreach WG Tasks

- Identify outreach needs and opportunities to support plan implementation and present options to the BAC
- Assist with planning agenda for spring and fall public workshops
- Assist with developing short factsheet(s) that BAC members can use and can be available at the workshop
- Consider broader outreach to key stakeholders not involved in the process

2023 Bi-State Flow Study WG Tasks

- Review work products from Flow Study Contractor
- Make recommendations to the BAC