INFORMATION ON IWMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (excerpted from Community Engagement Plan)

Target Audiences
The primary audiences for community engagement include the general public as well as organizations and individuals in six major stakeholder groups: Agriculture (water rights owners); Aquatic and Riparian Health; Local Government and Land Use Planning, Public Health and Utilities; Recreation and Tourism; Water Management; and Watershed Organizations.

Advisory Committee
An Advisory Committee representative of the major stakeholder groups will be convened to guide the planning process, provide technical expertise, and evaluate feasible strategies and solutions. Individuals who agreed to serve on the Advisory Committee can represent one or more stakeholder groups – in turn, stakeholder groups should actively support that representative.

Participation Goals
- Provide insight into diverse perspectives and interests.
- Create connections with and engage other stakeholders, water rights owners, and community members.
- Increase buy-in and support for outcomes and implementation.

Approach
The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet 11 times between August 2018 and June 2020 to review progress on tasks and advise the process. Outside of the meetings, the Advisory Committee will also review and comment on materials, attend community workshops, and help to coordinate specific stakeholder engagement activities. Specific responsibilities include the following:
- Act as liaison to key stakeholder groups.
- Provide expertise, data, reports, and anecdotal information.
- Advise and support the community engagement process.
- Assist in identifying, evaluating and prioritizing projects for implementation.
- Review and provide input on draft documents.
- Communicate plan purpose in wider community.