

# Western Governors' Association Water-Related Activities

Western States Water Council  
Fall Meeting – Water Resources Committee  
Thursday, October 8, 2015



# Resolutions

- 2015-08 – *Water Resources Management*
- 2015-07 – *Western Agriculture*
- 2014-04 – *Water Quality*
- 2013-05 – *Cleaning Up Abandoned Mines*



# Water Resource Management Policy Resolution

- Inclusion of Water Quality (i.e. water planning, water transfers, infrastructure)
- Added explicit references to CWA, ESA and SDWA
- Federal priority on improving sub-seasonal and seasonal precipitation forecasting abilities



# Water Resource Management Policy Resolution

- Federal involvement with state water planning – investments to support implementation, financial and technical support
- Drought Forum
- Recognized infrastructure needs for existing and new



# WGA Work Plan

- Funding for data collection
- GIS Mapping of Drought, Wildfire and Invasive Species
- Produced, Reused and Brackish Water
- Managing Dual Disasters: Wildfires and Drought
- Online Resource Library
- Drought Task Forces Survey



# Chairman's Initiative

- Species Conservation and the ESA
- Four Forums Across the West
- Kick-off: November 12-13 in Cody, WY



# Mission to D.C.

- Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Sub-Committee on Fisheries, Water and Wildlife – “Improving the ESA”
- House Natural Resources Committee – “Respecting State Authorities, Responsibilities and Expertise Regarding Resource Management and Energy Development”



# Future Meetings

- Winter Meeting – Las Vegas, NV
  - December 4 - 5, 2015
- Summer Meeting – Jackson Hole, WY
  - June 11 – 14, 2016





# State Involvement in Federal Decision-Making

- Resolution 2014-09 – Respecting State Authority and Expertise
- Consultation
  - Land Planning
  - Delegated Authority Statutes



# Good Samaritan

- Gold King Mine
- Legislation for financial support
- Legislation to “fix” CWA and/or CERCLA
- House T&I, Sub-Committee on Water Resources and Environment Hearing – October 21st





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