

One Water LA Workshop # 3: Responses to Comments on Draft Guiding Principles

One Water LA Objective	Summary of Guiding Principle Comment	Response
1: Integrate Management of water resources and policies	One Water LA and Water Reuse issues are not well known to the public. The Media needs to spread the word out.	The first guiding principle for the last objective will address this comment - "Explore strategies on how to increase public awareness and education for all water resource issues, with a specific focus on influencing individual behaviors around water use." Strategies would include Media.
1: Integrate Management of water resources and policies	The first guiding principle is leaving out other Governing Agencies that make laws that could impact the City dramatically at the County and State level. One Water should coordinate with elected bodies and officials.	Another guiding principle will be added to the first objective to address comment. New Guiding Principle - "Engage elected officials and governing boards to support coordination and cooperation to promote integrated management of water resources and policies."
1: Integrate Management of water resources and policies	Issues included in the One Water Plan should be part of the City's General Plan. The City should spend more money on conformances of legal requirements before rolling out the One Water Plan.	It is the intent that strategies recommended in One Water LA will be fully compliant with laws and regulations. The City believes that the One Water LA collaborative process can provide input to the City's general plan and identify multi-beneficial strategies to meet legal requirements for water quality protection and other environmental regulations.
1: Integrate Management of water resources and policies	Replace the second "understand" in the fourth bullet.	The second "understand" will be replaced with "determine". Revised Guiding Principle - "Understand the water balance that summarizes rainfall, runoff, water demands, wastewater flows, and ocean discharges to determine the potential for stormwater capture, conservation and reuse.
2. Balance environmental, economic, and societal goals.	The first guiding principle should be straight forward and state "consider the cost of no action alternative, including the cost of project alternatives underneath." It takes an explanation for people to understand the way it is currently written.	Comment incorporated. Revised Guiding Principle - "Evaluate a "no action" alternative that considers imported water costs, regulatory requirements, water supply reliability, infrastructure reliability, climate change, and other associated risks.
2. Balance environmental, economic, and societal goals.	How would the second, third, and fourth guiding principles under this objective be accomplished at the same time? Are they competing or can there be a balance?	The City believes that environmental, economic, and societal goals can be balanced with an integrated water resources approach.
2. Balance environmental, economic, and societal goals.	"Private interests" should be added to the fifth bullet.	Comment incorporated. Revised Guiding Principle - "Partner with academia and private interests to advance measurement of social and environmental benefits and to evaluate new technologies.
2. Balance environmental, economic, and societal goals.	Fifth bullet should not only mention social but also "environmental" benefits.	Comment incorporated. Revised Guiding Principle - "Partner with academia and private interests to advance measurement of social and environmental benefits and to evaluate new technologies.
2. Balance environmental, economic, and societal goals.	"County" and "local" are left out of the last bullet regarding funding opportunities.	Comment incorporated. Revised Guiding Principle - "Explore private, local, state, and federal funding opportunities to implement multi-benefit projects." Local includes City, County, and Regional.
3. Improve the health of local watersheds.	Is LASAN's Enhanced Watershed Management Program and LADWP's Stormwater Capture Master Plan coordinating with the County's Stormwater Master Plan?	The County is participating in the development of the Enhanced Watershed Management Program Plans and the Stormwater Capture Master Plan.
3. Improve the health of local watersheds.	One Water shouldn't limit itself to the plans listed in the guiding principles and change the language to allow for "any relevant" plans to be coordinated.	Another guiding principle will be added to the first objective to address comment. New Guiding Principle - "Build off of the success of the City's Water Integrated Resources Plan and other Mayor and City Council supported water resources plans to advance water sustainability".
3. Improve the health of local watersheds.	Replace "significant tributaries" with "creeks and streams" in the third bullet.	The water quality and environmental goals for all waterbodies are included in the Enhanced Watershed Management Program. The third bullet deals with the LA River and its tributaries.

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3. Improve the health of local watersheds.	Watersheds outside of City boundaries should also be mentioned.	The purpose of the One Water LA Plan is to address management of water within the City. It is important to note that the City is developing Enhanced Watershed Management Plans in coordination with all adjacent Cities and the County to improve the health of all four watersheds that touch the City.
4. Improve local water supply reliability	The first bullet should be broadened to include other relevant plans.	Another guiding principle will be added to the first objective to address comment. New Guiding Principle - "Build off of the success of the City's Water Integrated Resources Plan and other Mayor and City Council supported water resources plans to advance water sustainability".
4. Improve local water supply reliability	There is no indication of how plans will be prioritized in the One Water Plan. Not sure that Policy guidance is taking place other than a laundry list of things that will be considered.	The purpose of the Guiding Principles is to provide direction on desired actions, based on values and preferences. Prioritization will be part of the effort for Phase II of the One Water LA Plan.
4. Improve local water supply reliability	Is there a reason why desalination is not on the list?	Ocean desalination is currently less cost-effective and more difficult to implement. It is important for the City to pursue the "low-hanging" fruit first, such as recycled water projects. However if new and advanced technologies emerge, ocean desalination can be revisited in the long term.
5. Implement, monitor, and maintain a reliable wastewater system	Why is the focus only on wastewater systems? Make it broader to include both potable water systems and recycled water systems.	Still under discussion by the One Water Team.
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7. Increase community awareness and advocacy for sustainable water	Mention that the City is exploring the strategies to change residential behavior.	Comment incorporated. Revised Guiding Principle - "Explore strategies on how to increase public awareness and education for all water resource issues, with a specific focus on influencing individual behaviors around water use."
7. Increase community awareness and advocacy for sustainable water	The third bullet point should include Neighborhood Councils.	Comment incorporated. Revised Guiding Principle - "Communicate to neighborhood councils, community groups, and other stakeholders the water related roles, responsibilities, functions, and success stories of each City department.
7. Increase community awareness and advocacy for sustainable water	The One Water Plan is still talking about City-owned properties largely. The City is running out of space and can no longer continue to rely on centralized. One Water should be looking at distributed and private property involvement and watershed management at the parcel scale. The City needs to shift from Government to Governance, which means working with communities to make that happen.	Another guiding principle will be added to the last objective to address comment. New Guiding Principle - "Empower communities and citizens to implement distributed (parcel-scale) solutions within their control to help achieve water sustainability objectives."
7. Increase community awareness and advocacy for sustainable water	Outreach should be done in multi-languages.	Will be addressed in Phase II of the One Water LA Plan.