

Small Group Stakeholder Input Sessions

Preliminary Summarization of Ideas

The ideas presented are a quick distillation of the top ideas from each of the small groups. This “top ideas” summation was intended to provide a quick reflection of the top ideas.

This distillation is not intended to reflect the entire spectrum of ideas presented or discussions held in the small groups.

(Please note all comments from these sessions will be posted at a later date as well)

1. State needs to take the lead to inform/educate/advocate to stakeholders, legislature and general public
2. Examine all water laws and regulations
 1. Cognizant of individual property rights
 2. Repeal “use it or lose it”
 3. Create greater flexibility in water rights and government programs
 4. Retire partial water rights
 5. State should set boundaries while individuals determine their own fate

6. Recognize one size does not fit all
7. Restrict water use but with increased flexibility
3. Emphasize local control through GMDs and use of IGUCAs (consider district wide efforts)
4. Lead efforts to create multi state cooperation and coordination (compact?)
5. Promote technology and less water intensive crops (incentivize, subsidize)
6. Individuals must work together
7. More state/local/producer partnerships
8. State should resist federal regulation
9. Create conservation incentives (such as conservation credits and incentivizing valued added)
10. Respect agriculture heritage and impact on economy
11. Balance all uses
12. Optimism – but concern we almost dry up before we take action
13. The State needs to make the tough decisions