



Lake Whatcom Policy Group Agenda

**Whatcom County Civic Center Building
322 N. Commercial St., Garden Room
Bellingham, WA, 98225**

December 2, 2013, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Meeting Chair: Cathy Lehman

Topic		Lead	Minutes
1. AIS Program Review and 2014 Improvements			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief discussion of remaining AIS policy/budget issues for 2014. 	Staff	20
2. Strategic Planning for 2014			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Discussion and approval of Policy Group operating principles (please see outline below). ◦ Identify list of major 2014 policy/budget topics for the Policy Group (see possible topics below). ◦ Set dates for 2014 Policy Group meetings. ◦ Set date for 2014 Joint Councils and Commissioners meeting 	Staff/Policy Makers	90

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Strategic Planning for 2014.

A. Discussion and approval of Policy Group operating principles (discussed but not formally adopted).

- Policy and budget-relevant topics have priority for meetings.
- Members will report back to their respective legislative bodies on a regular basis.
- Policy Group may be used as a recommending body to facilitate the cross-jurisdiction policy-making process.

B. Identify list of 2014 policy/budget topics for the Policy Group. Possible topics:

- Revision of Lake Whatcom Management Interlocal. Is this a priority? What are the parameters for any revision? -- etc.
- HIP budget/policy issues: Long-term HIP funding; equity between jurisdictions; increasing participation on high-impact properties (e.g. lakefront), etc.
- Clarification of policy principles for capital facilities investment: review consolidated funding plan, geographical equity issues, possible new investment areas (e.g. Sudden Valley).
- Agree on process for review and approval of 2015-19 Lake Whatcom work plan, with focus on investments needed to respond to TMDL/reduce phosphorus.
- Other topics?

List of other LWPG topics previously identified and not yet discussed or scheduled; will be added to agenda in 2014 as time permits:

- Review of tributary monitoring data/watershed modeling.
- Presentation on City of Bellingham's Nooksack diversion activities: rationale, mitigation plan.
- Watershed capital project construction update.
- Report on watershed forestry activities.
- Review of policy implications of U.S. Supreme Court decision in Florida land use case.
- Update on planning for re-conveyed lands.