7. Future of DWAG Discussion
Outline for regional office group discussions (15-20 minutes)

Guidance for Regional Managers on Introducing this Topic to Their “Small Group”

Our Goals for an Advisory Panel
- We want a group that represents a broad range of our regulated stakeholders.
- We want feedback:
  - Is our mission understood and appreciated?
  - Are our performance measures meaningful?
  - Are we receiving resources from the right places?
  - Are we allocating resources appropriately?
  - Are we exhibiting “good governance” and are we seen as valued?
- We want a venue to obtain feedback on a wide range of issues:
  - Program optimization.
  - Prioritization and resource allocation.
  - Rule-making.
  - Policy development.
- We want to hear what issues are on stakeholder’s minds.

Current Format
An informal group of self-selected individuals interested in hearing updates from and providing feedback to the Office of Drinking Water. The agenda is largely driven by ODW, and includes more updates than opportunity for feedback. Meetings are generally held once every three months. Participation sites include Tumwater, Kent, and Spokane Valley.

Alternate Format (Up for Consideration)
An advisory panel made up of members representing the diverse interests in the state’s drinking water program, with administrative support provided by ODW.

Discussion Questions
1. What are the relative advantages and disadvantages of the current and alternate formats described above?
2. What are your ideas about the alternate format?
   a. Mission statement for such an advisory panel.
   b. Advisory panel membership.
   c. Relationship between the advisory panel and ODW.
   d. We work with WUCC and other professional organizations (AWWA, WETRC, regional cross connection control groups). Any concerns with duplication of effort?
   e. Other.