

# WATER POLICY WORKING GROUP 2017

## Action Items



*Pacific NorthWest  
Economic Region*

Through its Water Policy Working Group, PNWER provides an important dialogue to address water policy issues throughout the Pacific Northwest region. By connecting with legislators, private-sector and universities, we work to identify best practices to improve water security, adaptation of climate change, and storage options. We also provide updates to the region on the Columbia River Treaty and explore linkages with other working groups, including Invasive Species.

Action Items		Status
1	Provide updates to the region on the Columbia River Treaty and explore linkages with other working groups, including invasive species	PNWER met with US Negotiator and is developing a study tour and policy session for the PNWER Annual Summit in Spokane, WA
2	Connecting universities in the PNWER region and identify research groups/teams with expertise in water research, along with PNNL's interest in opportunities to conduct research in water policies	Exploring the option of having startup water technology companies participate in the Summit
3	Identify best practices to improve water security, adaptation of climate change, and storage options. What is the region doing to fund water projects?	The PNWER Annual Summit will address Targeting Research Investments to Achieve Outcomes and Resiliency in Policy and Practice; Dealing With Water Scarcity and Variability, Practical Experiences in an Irrigation District; and Water Resource Planning and Actions at the State Level