

Water CEP (January 2007)						
Rec #	Recommendation	Implementer(s)	Implementation Target	Last Status Update (Year provided)	2018 Status	Comments from Latest Update (Please include any new comments in track changes)
1	That the irrigation and municipal sector pilot plans become the sectors' formal plans once the plans meet the Criteria for Review of Sector Plans by the Alberta Water Council.	AIPA, AUMA		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	The municipalities' sector plan was presented to Council in March 2010 and the irrigation sector plan was presented to Council in June 2010. Both plans were adopted by their respective organizations.
2	That the seven priority sectors have a CEP plan in place by December 2010 (irrigation, municipal, power generation, oil and gas, mining, chemical and petrochemical, and forestry).	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	The team's terms of reference was amended to reflect the amount of time necessary to complete a sector plan. Following the pilot plans, the Oil and Gas and Oil Sands Mining plan was complete in March 2011; the Forestry sector's plan was complete in October 2011; the petrochemical sector's plan was complete in March 2012; the power generation sectors' plan was complete in June 2012; and the chemical sectors plan was complete in March 2013.
3	That sectors use the Annotated Table of Contents document as a guide for the development of their respective CEP plans.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	All seven priority sectors developed their respective CEP plans following the Framework and ATOC.
4	That stakeholder consultation occur throughout the development of a sector plan as per the three options (A, B and C) identified in the Framework.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Stakeholder consultation for all seven sector plans followed either options B or C. The power generation sector is unique in that individual companies undertook the multi-stakeholder review using either option B or C.
5	That each of the seven sectors present its draft CEP plan to the Alberta Water Council outlining specifically how it meets the Criteria for Review. Individual Alberta Water Council members will be provided with an opportunity to forward comments to the sector on the draft plan prior to its final adoption. It is recommended that a sector consider the comments and provide a response or amend the draft plan as needed.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	All seven sectors presented their plans to Council. Individual Council members were provided an opportunity to forward comments to the sector on the plan.
6	That sectors with CEP plans that have been finalized make their plans public.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Six of the seven priority sectors have umbrella organizations and their CEP plans are posted to their websites. All seven sector plans are available on the AWC's website on the WCEP project page. Also on the Water for Life, Water Conservation, CEP Plan page.
7	That sectors produce annual or biennial progress reports to the Alberta Water Council or Alberta ESRD summarizing their progress in implementing their plan and achieving desired outcomes. Reports provided to Alberta ESRD will be made available to the Alberta Water Council. Each sector should report on the performance measures and targets outlined in its plan in order to track progress against the plan.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	The two sectors that completed sector CEP plans in 2010 (irrigation and urban municipalities) prepared and submitted interim progress reports based on data as of Dec 2012 to the Alberta Water Council in October 2013. The Forestry sector presented an interim update to the AWC in March 2014. All seven sectors provided implementation reports at an AWC-hosted session in October 2015. All the updates are available on the AWC's website. A fourth AWC CEP project team is working to evaluate the success of the CEP process, including the contributions made to the aspirational WFL target of improving water use efficiency and productivity by 30% from 2005 levels by 2015, the three goals of Water for Life and the AWC-approved CEP desired outcomes. The team will also consider the need for future reporting on the implementation of sector plans. The team is expected to complete its work in early 2017.
8	That CEP reporting by sectors is transparent and desired outcomes identified in the CEP plan are reported as appropriate to the Alberta Water Council, sector stakeholders, Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils, and the public.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Updates reported to the Alberta Water Council have been made publicly available on the AWC website.
9	That four years after the acceptance of the CEP Project Team's report, the Alberta Water Council conduct a formal evaluation of the CEP sector planning process to determine the extent to which the achieved results have contributed to <i>Water for Life</i> goals. This would include (a) Reviewing the success of individual sector plans both against their original plan's targets and against actual conservation, efficiency, and productivity outcomes (e.g., water saved). The performance measures outlined in the plans will serve as the primary guide for measuring progress. (b) Evaluating whether the approach to sector planning (the Framework, Criteria, and Annotated Table of Contents) as recommended by the CEP team is working and whether changes are necessary. (c) Recommending enhancements and other changes to the sector planning	AWC		In progress (2016)	Implemented – as written	This team was established in 2016 and released its final report <i>Looking Back: Evaluating Sector Improvements in Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity</i> in 2017. The report addresses the bullets described and is available on the AWC website.

	components (Framework, Criteria, Annotated Table of Contents) as determined by the evaluation. This could include a recommendation to Alberta Environment that they consider mandatory CEP planning such as requiring water licence holders to develop and implement CEP plans. (d) Preparing and publishing a report on the success of sector plans in achieving their stated CEP objectives and in particular their contribution towards the <i>Water for Life</i> goal of a 30% improvement in water efficiency and productivity. (e) Determining whether there is a need for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the CEP sector planning process.					
10	That the Water Allocation Transfer System Upgrade Project Team consider a recommendation to Alberta Environment that transferees (recipients of the transferred water) be required to demonstrate CEP actions in their water use.	WATSUP Team		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Recommendation 17 from the Council's <i>Water Allocation Transfer System Upgrade Project states "...the water allocation transfer system encourage water conservation and water reuse, and regulatory requirements on return flow not act as a hindrance or disincentive to conservation and efficiency efforts."</i>
11	That Alberta ESRD require applicants for new water licences and renewals to consider and propose CEP measures in the licence application process. Where watershed conditions indicate a need, these measures would be reflected in a licence as conditions or determinants of volume.	ESRD		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Currently, AEP does consider best management practice with respect to water when issuing and renewing licences.
12	That CEP measures be incorporated into the Standards and Guidelines for Municipal Waterworks, Wastewater and Storm Drainage Systems document published by Alberta Environment at the time of its next review.	ESRD		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Standards and guidelines for municipal waterworks, wastewater, and stormwater drainage systems now exist independently allowing for ability to be worked on/ revised separately. WCEP recommendations being considered in review of guidelines. As federal government currently reviewing wastewater regulations, effort being made to ensure provincial regulations are in alignment with federal regulations.
13	That the Government of Alberta explore opportunities for incenting CEP activities as part of provincial grants associated with updates to wastewater treatment systems, water supply and other water related infrastructure improvements, and report to the new Project Team mid-2009.	ESRD	1-Jun-09	Not under consideration at this time (2016)	Closed – not a priority	No development on creating incentives for implementing CEP activities.
14	That Alberta ESRD consider rewarding and recognizing achievements in CEP by members of a sector, in alignment with the CEP plan of their sector.	ESRD		In progress (2016)	Implemented – as written	AEP worked with the Council of the Federation in support of awarding the Excellence in Water Stewardship Award (2013) to the AUMA for its CEP plan.
15	That the Alberta Water Council explore opportunities for recognizing sector associations and sector members for CEP initiatives (e.g., recognition by the Alberta Emerald Foundation).	AWC		In progress (2016)	Implemented – as written	Staff nominated the CEP initiative for an Emerald Award in 2016.
16	That the initial focus of sector planning be on capturing the largest individual water users within a sector or on users representing most of the water use in a sector. A subsequent focus would be on getting all members engaged in CEP activities.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	All seven priority sectors focused on capturing the largest water users in their respective sectors. The Forestry sector plan went beyond its own membership to ensure large water-users were captured. Members of the Power Generation sector worked together without an umbrella organization to capture the largest water-using companies in their sector. Urban Municipalities sector has developed tools to enable smaller municipalities to engage in CEP activities.
17	That the seven priority sectors outline in their CEP plan how they will encourage their members to report on their water use (i.e., through sector initiatives and/or Alberta Environment's electronic water use reporting system).	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	The sector plans outline how their members report their water use.
18	That Alberta ESRD improve participation in electronic water use reporting to ensure that needed information is available to sectors for CEP planning. Alberta Environment should consider mandatory electronic reporting for larger water users as a means to improve participation.	ESRD		In progress (2016)	Implemented – as written	Most licences that cumulatively reflect a majority (at least 80% or higher) of allocated water by volume, by a number of different metrics including: by river basin; by sector/purpose; and by source type (surface or groundwater), have been amended to require online reporting. Over 3,300 licences were initially amended and more than 1,000 licences have subsequently been added to WURS. Tools are being tested that would allow for public access to the WUR data system. AEP recognizes that reporting to the system by licensees requires improvement and is considering options to improve participation in the WURS system. AEP worked with AUMA and AWC to prepare a video for AUMA members to help with completing online water use reporting. Video is posted on AUMA and AWC websites. Weblink: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSOZufZzaE .

19	That each of the seven priority sectors establish a base year for documenting and measuring CEP gains, and that the base year be an average of any three years in the period 2000 to 2005.	7 Priority Sectors		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Each of the seven sectors has chosen a base year that makes sense for them to evaluate against. The irrigation sector plan uses a rolling 10-year average to allow for natural variability in weather patterns as its sectors water use is heavily dependent on annual rainfall. The forestry sector has chosen 2000 as a base year as good data was available at the sector level. Details are available in the sector’s CEP plans.
20	That at a minimum, the CEP team’s report to the Alberta Water Council be posted to the Water Council’s website.	AWC		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Complete
21	That a new multi-stakeholder project team be established for the tasks listed below. This team would have representation from the seven priority sectors, Alberta Environment and other stakeholders identified by the Alberta Water Council. (a) To serve as a forum for sectors to share ideas, experiences and challenges in developing and implementing sector plans. (b) To receive reports from sectors on progress on CEP planning. (c) To provide a venue to discuss challenges, share ideas, and provide assistance if necessary to ensure successful adoption of the multi-stakeholder component in sector planning. (d) To evaluate whether the approach to participation as outlined in this report is working and where necessary to recommend improvements that would result in increased participation by individual members of a sector. (e) To determine the need for enhancements and changes to the Framework document and Annotated Table of Contents. (f) To determine how to assist sector members that may not have the capacity to fully implement CEP plans (e.g., data and reporting components) and to make recommendations for how such assistance might be provided. (g) To determine how to aggregate information based on the planned targets and performance measures so as to enable the Alberta Water Council to assess the overall success of CEP plans in achieving <i>Water for Life</i> goals and outcomes. (h) To prepare a report to the Alberta Water Council on the progress of sector plans in achieving CEP objectives. Data from this report would be used by the Alberta Water Council in its Report on Implementation of the <i>Water for Life</i> Strategy.	AWC		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Tasks a) through f) from this recommendation are addressed in the CEP report released in March 2013, <i>Sector Planning for Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity</i> . Tasks g) and h) were deferred to the next CEP team and addressed in the 2017 report <i>Looking Back: Evaluating Sector Improvements in Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity</i> .