

Water Engagement Initiative Main Table Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2024



Draft Agenda

- Welcome
- Presentation of WEI Phase 1 Final Report
- Summary of 2024 water year and Phase 1 Flow Alternative
- Phase 1 Non-Flow Alternative Components
- Update on Southside Working Group
- Hybrid Phase
- Dam Emergency Planning

Draft Agenda (2)

- Geomorphic Assessment
- Next Steps
- Meeting Adjournment
- Lunch

Phase 1 Report

- Hard copy of Final Phase 1 Report
- Summarizes the work this table did since 2019
- Realize that many participants are seeking more substantive changes
- Phase 1 is the start
- Issues summaries
- Many moving parts

Phase 1 Report (2)

- The report provides:
 - Background
 - Overview of WEI
 - Description of compiling water use interests
 - Description of performance measures and modeling
 - Discussion of Phase 1 flow alternative
 - Other Phase 1 Recommendations
 - Phase 1 learnings
 - Next steps
 - Conclusion

Report finalization process

- Prepared draft report
- Circulated report to the Main Table and Technical Working Group (TWG) for comment
- Received responses from 9 participants, with 4 sets of comments to address
- Addressed in line with Main Table discussions (no new decisions or outcomes)
- Prepared final report

Phase 1 Tangible Results

- Better understanding of community interests
- Community input into Rio Tinto operations
- Improved communication (Flow Facts)
- Southside Working Group
- Community Leaders Forum collaboration
- Information compilation
- Identification of data gaps, research needs, and monitoring interests
- SDM assessment framework to support future phases

Summary of 2024 water year and Phase 1 Flow Alternative

- Andrew, Alec

Phase 1 Non-Flow Alternative Components

- Jayson

Update on Southside Working Group

- Quinten, Aman, and Andy

Hybrid Phase

- Andrew

Dam Emergency Planning

- Quinten, Aman

Geomorphic Assessment

- Andre

Next steps

- Rahul
- Transition to Hybrid phase

Meeting Adjourned

Lunch