

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Prioritization Project



Head 2 Cape

May 9, 2023

Welcome!

- Facilitator: GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI)
 - Suzanne de Szoeka (she/her/hers)
 - Leah Cogan (she/her/hers)
 - And Team
- Organizing Team
 - MCWPP Co-conveners
 - Adam Denlinger, Seal Rock Water District
 - TBD
 - Coordinating Committee
 - GSI
- Financial Support
 - Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
 - Seal Rock Water District

Participation Protocols

- Guiding Principles from the Charter
 - Partnership
 - Transparency
 - Innovation
 - Commitment
 - Flexibility
 - Action
 - Clarity

Participation Protocols

- Be respectful and patient
- Utilize hand raising, written messages (chat if online), and Q&A time to communicate
- Make every effort to stay on topic
- Silence electronics
- If online, stay muted unless speaking during Q&A

Agenda

Estimated Schedule	Agenda Items
9 AM	Introductions and review agenda
9:05 AM	Review April meeting minutes
9:10 AM	April action items follow-up discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects list• Charter update ideas• Co-convener• Travel reimbursement form• Financial need letters
9:30 AM	Potential prioritization approaches discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review potential approaches• Ideas for approach refinements• Test runs
10:45 AM	June 14 Partnership Meeting update
10:50 AM	Review meeting questions, decisions, and action items



April Meeting Recap and Notes Review

April Action
Items
Follow-Up

Projects list

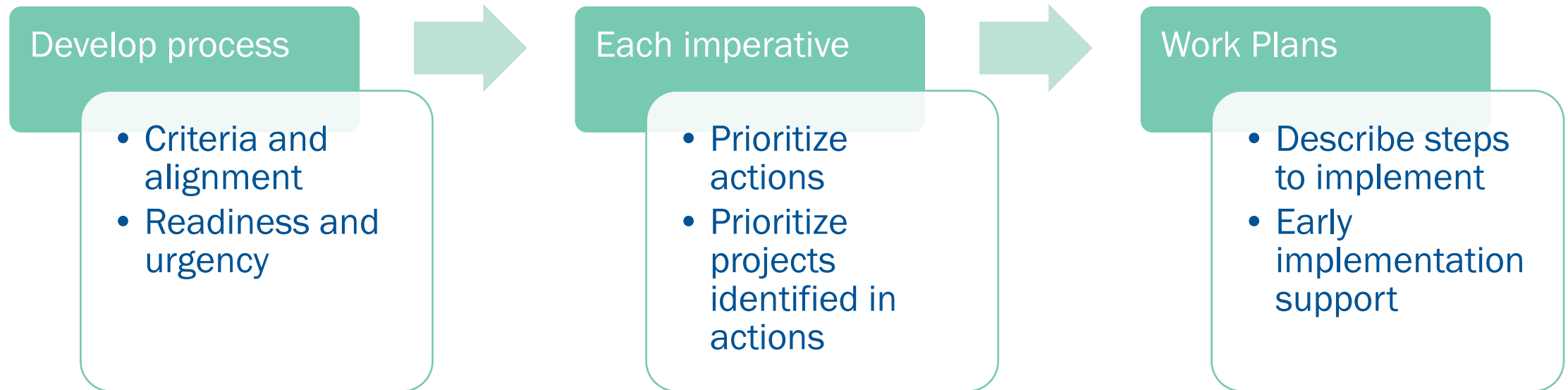
Charter update ideas

Co-convener

Travel reimbursement form

Financial need letters

Process Under ARPA Funding



Partnership Support



Sharing expertise



Connecting partners



Letters of support



Identifying funding



Tracking impact



Public awareness

Future Process for Partnership Support

Project Lead fills out “Project Description” form

- Evaluation criteria from prioritization process
- Coordinating Committee

Project meeting

- Project Lead discusses project with Coordinating Committee

Coordinating Committee identifies Partnership support

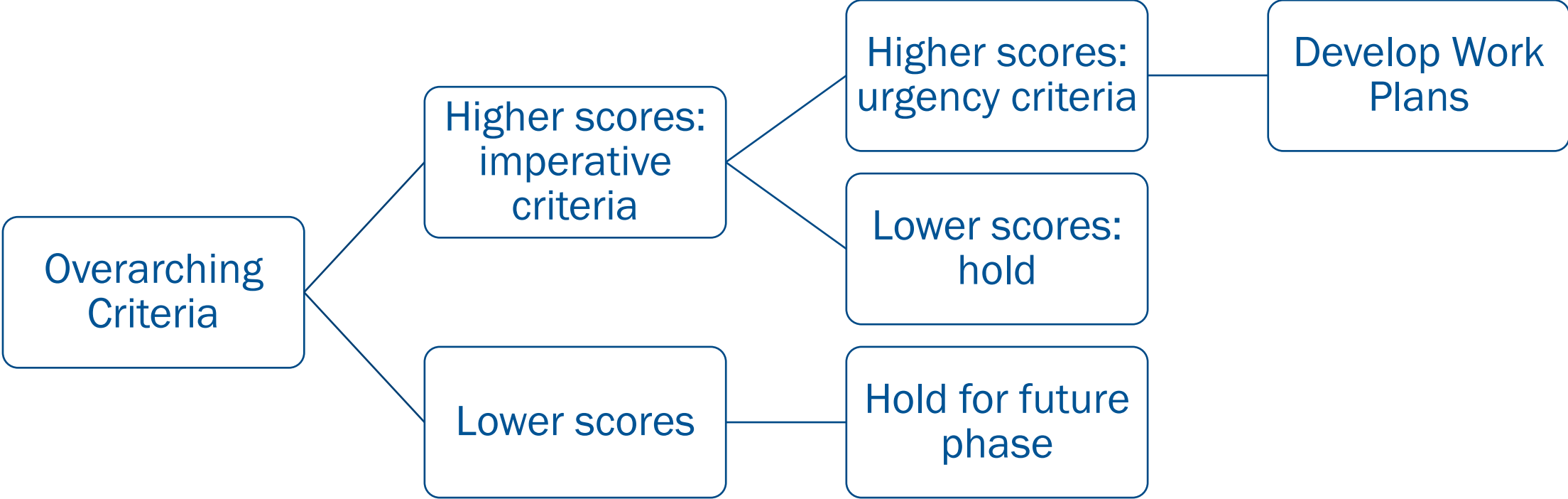
- Funding sources
- Potential partners
- Letters of support
- Strategic or technical advice

Approach 1: Overarching Criteria First

1. Overarching criteria
2. Imperative-specific criteria
3. Urgency and readiness criteria

Starting with actions with the highest Level 1 scores, prioritize using Level 2 and then Level 3 criteria.

Approach 1 Process

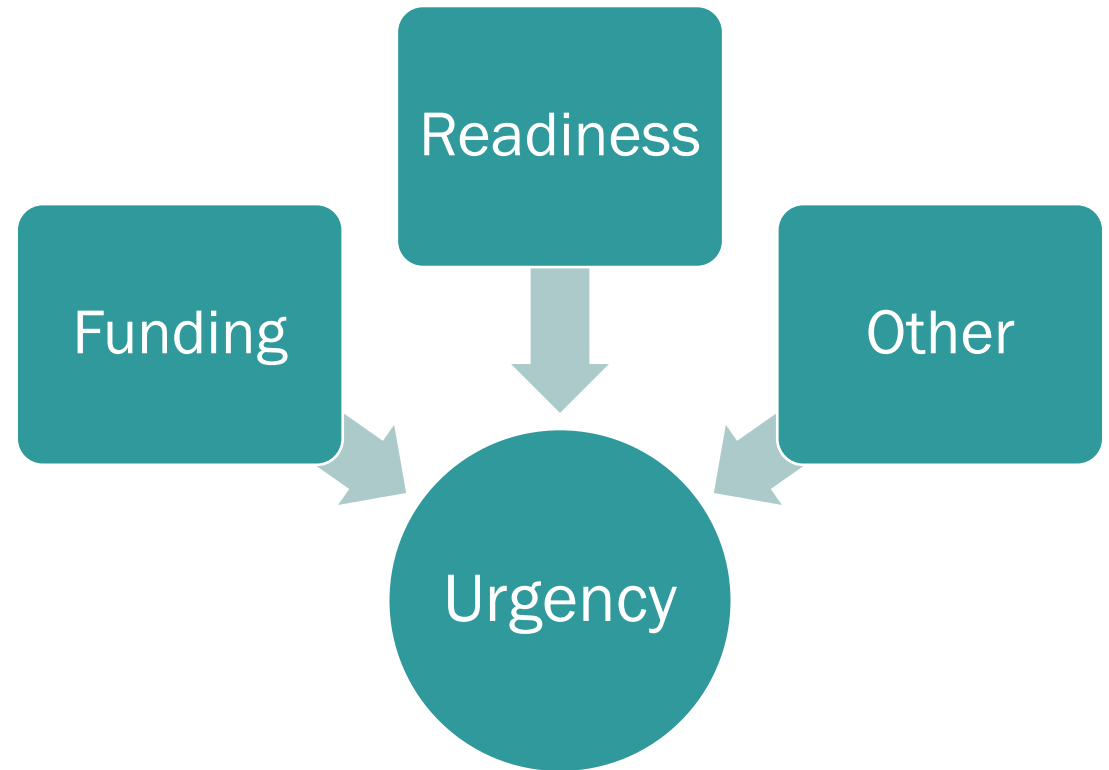


Approach 1 Alternative: All Criteria Considered

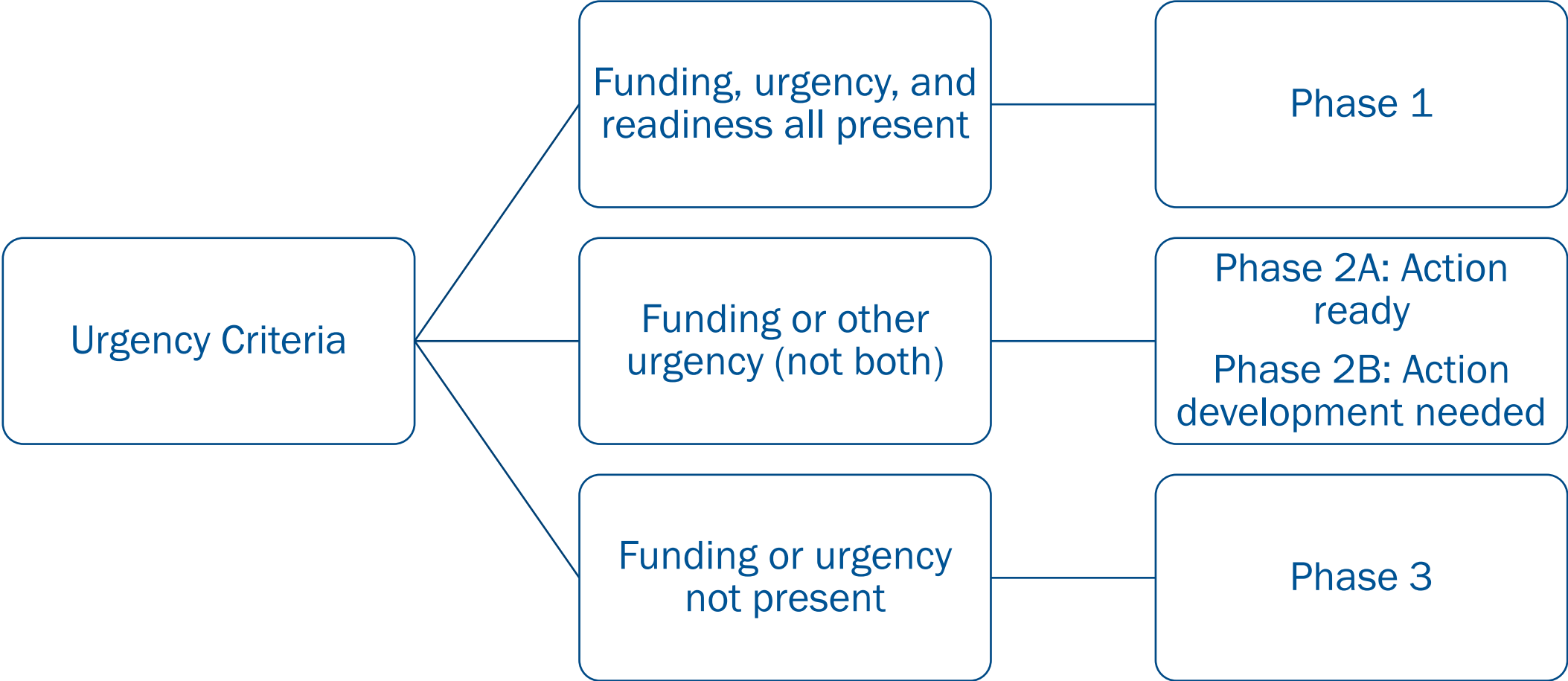
- Prioritize based on the total score of all the criteria for the imperative
 - Enables consideration of both urgency/readiness and other important criteria

Approach 2: Urgency Criteria First

1. Urgency and readiness criteria
2. Overarching criteria
3. Imperative-specific criteria



Approach 2 Process



Idea 3: Champion Approach

1. Project Lead brings a project to the Partnership
2. Meeting to discuss project's alignment with Water Action Plan and support needed
3. Partnership decides how to support

Approach Refinements

- Action categories
- Specific to general

6	38	Harmful algal blooms	Project	Need focus areas
6	39	Pesticide reduction	Support	General
6	40	Forestry practices	Support	General
6	41	Protect critical lands	Project	General
7	42	Identify new water sources	Study	General
7	43	Economic Assessment Model	Plan	Specific
8	44	Ecological restoration	Project	Need focus areas
8	45	Prioritize riparian buffer locations	Plan	Specific

Action Categories

Foundational

Plans

Studies

Data collection and monitoring

Projects

Outreach

Ecological restoration

Infrastructure

Specific to General

- Very specific

a. Promote water conservation at local events, on the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership website and the websites of regional partners and entities, in news articles, in water bills, via social media, and through outreach materials to businesses, particularly in the hospitality industry.

- General

Regional Collaboration: Support and advocate for planning and development that minimizes impacts to floodplains and riparian areas, promoting Green Infrastructure (GI) methods and Low Impact Development (LID) practices.



Focus Areas Needed

- Ecological restoration projects
- Infrastructure (e.g., water meters)
- Monitoring (e.g., stream gages)
- Drinking Water Protection Plans



Test Runs



Imperative 2, Action 12: Drinking Water Protection Plan



Imperative 6, Action 40: Silvicultural practices



Imperative 8, Action 47: Erosion control

Approach 1: Drinking Water Protection Plan

Foundational category: Plan

Level 1 Criteria	DWPP
Improves water quantity	2
Improves water quality	1
Multiple benefits (instream and out of stream)	1
Benefits a drinking water source or a stream with threatened or endangered species/species of concern	1
Support (Multiple partners, active lead)	1

Approach 1 continued

- High score, continue prioritizing

Level 2 Criteria	DWPP
Permanent protection measure	0
Improves municipal water management, builds technical capacity	1
Improves stakeholder understanding of water issues	1
Level 3 Criteria	DWPP
Funding Urgency (Funding is available for immediate use)	1
Readiness (design or implementation)	1
Other Urgency (e.g., natural disaster, infrastructure failure, immediate threat to health and safety)	0

Approach 2: Drinking Water Protection Plan

- Funding available, action ready
 - No specific urgency
- Phase 2A
- Continue evaluating with overarching and imperative-specific criteria
- Determine Partnership support needed

Approach 1: Silvicultural Practices

Furthering a working lands concept, advocate for incentives, and other strategies, that promote silvicultural practices that support restoration of watershed ecological function and protect drinking water source areas.

Level 1 Criteria	Support
Improves water quantity	1
Improves water quality	1
Multiple benefits (instream and out of stream)	1
Benefits a drinking water source or a stream with threatened or endangered species/species of concern	1
Support (Multiple partners, active lead)	1

Approach 1 continued

- High score, continue prioritizing

Level 2 Criteria	DWPP
Permanent protection measure	0
Improves municipal water management, builds technical capacity	0
Improves stakeholder understanding of water issues	1
Level 3 Criteria	DWPP
Funding Urgency (Funding is available for immediate use)	0
Readiness (design or implementation)	0
Other Urgency (e.g., natural disaster, infrastructure failure, immediate threat to health and safety)	0

Approach 2: Silvicultural Practices

- No specific urgency criteria
- Phase 3
- Other work plans would be developed first
- Continue developing ideas for implementation
- Partnership could still support specific projects

Approach 1: Erosion control

Project; Needs focus areas

Level 1 Criteria	Erosion control
Improves water quantity	0
Improves water quality	1
Multiple benefits (instream and out of stream)	0
Benefits a drinking water source or a stream with threatened or endangered species/species of concern	1
Support (Multiple partners, active lead)	1

Approach 1 continued

- Medium score, continue prioritizing(?)

Level 2 Criteria	DWPP
Habitat benefits: connectivity	0
2 = Identified as a priority in a watershed action plan or study 1 = Identified in a watershed action plan or study	1
Improves stakeholder understanding of water issues	0
Level 3 Criteria	DWPP
Funding Urgency (Funding is available for immediate use)	0
Readiness (design or implementation)	1
Other Urgency (e.g., natural disaster, infrastructure failure, immediate threat to health and safety)	0

Approach 2: Erosion Control

- No specific urgency criteria, but action is ready
- Phase 3
- Other work plans would be developed first
- Continue developing ideas for implementation (e.g., selecting focus areas)
- Partnership could still support specific projects



Discussion

June 14 Partnership Meeting

- Location: Newport
- Field Trip: AM
- Meeting Time: 12 PM-3 PM
- Rough Agenda
 - Background: Water Action Plan, ARPA funding phase
 - Presentations: projects that fit the Water Action Plan
 - Prioritization Work Group activities overview
 - Activity: Identifying projects
- Next Monthly Prioritization Work Group Meeting

Next Steps

- Questions List
- Decisions List
- GSI Action Items List
- Partners Action Items List
- Partnership Meeting: June 14

A vibrant rainbow trout is shown swimming in a clear, rocky stream. The fish has a bright red back and a silver belly. The water is clear, revealing the smooth, grey and brown rocks on the stream bed. In the background, there is a dense forest of tall evergreen and deciduous trees under a clear blue sky. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Thank you!

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