AWBA Action Plan Summary

Practical vision	Current reality	Commitments
What do we want to see in place in 3-5 years as a result of our actions? • ...moving toward **meeting AWBA responsibilities (buying the tools)** - Acquired new water supplies - Access to and flexibility of funding streams - Indian firming agreements • ...moving toward **implementing AWBA responsibilities (buying the tools)** - Adopted implementable recovery plan - Improved storage plan • Alternative shortage management strategy • Decision on AWBA statewide role • Outreach efforts incorporated into annual reports	*What are the resources at our disposal that will help us reach our vision and what are the kinks in the hose keeping us from our vision?* **Resources at our disposal:** • Great staff, AWBA members and stakeholders • Statutory authority • Existing water supplies • Storage capacity • Distribution system • Clear goals and objectives • Pending crisis (i.e. shortage) **Kinks in the hose:** • AWBA roles expanded • Rules of game have changed • Uncertainty of goals • Differing interpretation of statutes • Stretched thin • 4¢ tax can only be used for M&I firming • Difference of opinion with CAP about how to use the 4¢ tax monies to achieve goals • Imbalance between funding sources relative to AWBA goals • People growing into entitlement leaving less water for AWBA	*What are 3-5 commitments the AWBA is serious about accomplishing in the next year to move the AWBA closer to its practical vision?* **1. Meeting AWBA responsibilities (buying the tools)** • Legislative and public outreach/support and 4¢ tax extension • Develop updated modeling to clarify M&I and tribal goals • Institute negotiations with CAWCD on an IGA for statute interpretation and permanent disbursement of 4¢ tax to AWBA • Update augmentation options study • Identify where differences of opinion are in statutes **2. Implementing AWBA responsibility (using the tools)** • Prompt and thorough review of draft recovery plan with an eye toward improving storage plans • Communicate our position on urgency of recovery plan to CAWCD • Begin incorporation information from recovery plan (process) into AWBA annual operation plan for 2015 to assist in identifying storage locations • Identifying where differences of opinion are in statutes **3. Developing alternative shortage management strategy** • Evaluate need for additional staff • Develop concept paper to explain ways AWBA could mitigate agricultural shortage and reduce groundwater pumping • Continue to monitor and comment on Enhanced Aquifer Management process to maintain AWBA flexibility during shortage • Identify where differences of opinion are in statutes **4. Making Decision on AWBA statewide role** • Outreach – legislative/public - support • Ask ADWR to identify opportunity outside CAP service area