

Draft Vision and Outcome Statements

Overall Vision Statement

A healthy and resilient watershed, with a safe, secure water supply for a stable economy and healthy aquatic ecosystems, where people, wildlife and habitats can thrive in the face of climatic changes and extremes.

Desired Future Conditions

Water Quality and Quantity

- ◆ Cleaner ground and surface water, for safe drinking and healthy ecosystems
- ◆ More natural river flows for improved ecosystem health, including flooding flows for regenerating cottonwood stands and flushing flows for removing silt
- ◆ Aquifers that are replenished, not mined

Ecosystem Health

- ◆ Abundant, healthy and biologically diverse ecosystems (both aquatic and terrestrial)
- ◆ Healthy, protected and restored riparian areas
- ◆ More native grasslands
- ◆ Healthy native fish populations
- ◆ Fewer invasive species
- ◆ Protected areas for medicinal plants

Water Allocation/Use

- ◆ Water allocations balanced between humans and the ecosystem
- ◆ Enough water for everyone
- ◆ More water for the ecosystem
- ◆ More efficient water use through reduced urban, agricultural and industrial water demand

Land Use, Landscapes & Recreation

- ◆ Land managed for multiple users, such that urban sprawl is minimized and the agricultural land base is maintained
- ◆ Well planned, low impact development, with restricted development along waterways
- ◆ Sustainable population growth, managed in a way that improves watershed function
- ◆ Protected and forested headwaters, with reduced recreational impact, lower road density and less evidence of human activity
- ◆ A blue-ribbon trout stream
- ◆ Youth-based ecotourism in historically significant areas.
- ◆ Beautiful natural and historic views
- ◆ Recreational public access to waterways and river valleys

Attitudes

- ◆ Environmentally responsible and motivated watershed residents