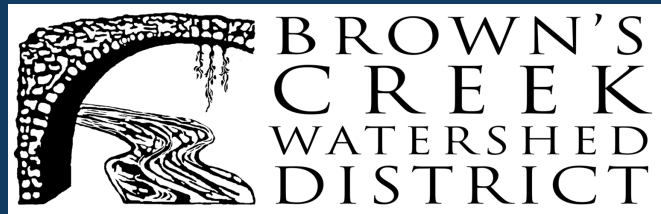




BCWD Regulatory Program Review



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Agenda

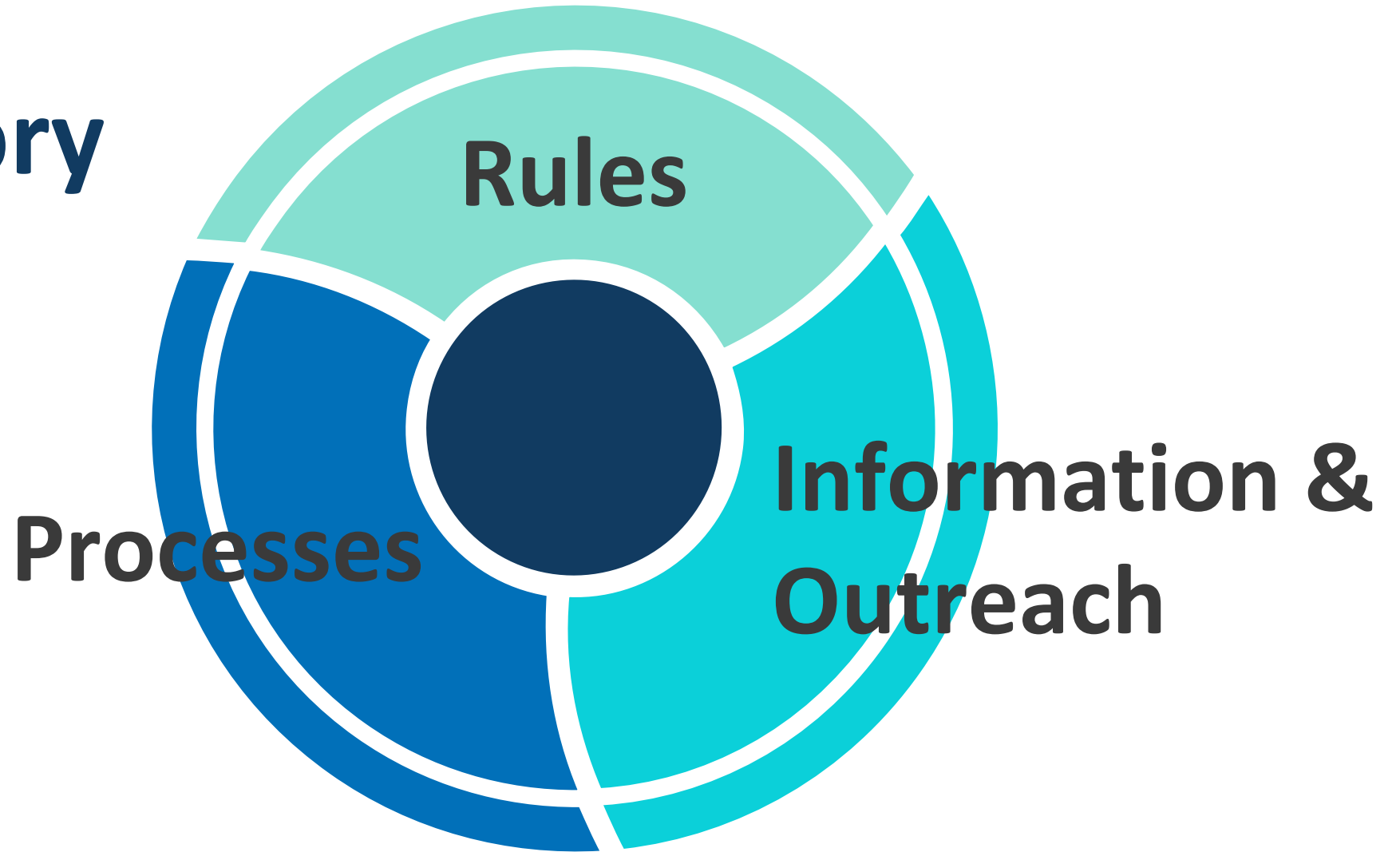
- Review purpose & process
- Present feedback & themes
- Discuss recommendations
 - Rules: 4
 - Processes: 6
 - Outreach & Information: 6
- Obtain Board direction
- Establish next steps

Purpose

- Gain feedback on current BCWD regulatory program
- Provide recommendations to Board of Managers for future decisions
 - Watershed Management Plan
 - Regulatory Program



BCWD Regulatory Program



Preparation & Process

- Logistics: invitation list, communication, & date
- Process
 - Facilitated
 - Focus on questions *and* answers
 - Changing groups and format
 - Increasing interactions
 - Sharing thoughts out loud as well as in writing
- Importance of listening to one another



Who Was in the Room?

39 Attendees

- Residents
- HomeOwners Associations
- Permittees
- Developers
- BCWD communities
- Washington County staff
- State agency partners
- Other Watershed Districts
- BCWD Citizen Advisory Committee
- BCWD Board members



Not So Simple



What COULD Change

- Communication Strategy
- Clarity of Rules
- Flexibility of Rules
- Processes
- Role of the cities
- The rules themselves

What WON'T Change

- Existence of watershed districts
- Core statutory requirements for watershed districts
- Existence of rules
- Resource protection

Who Benefits from the Regulatory Program?

What are the most important components of a successful regulatory program?

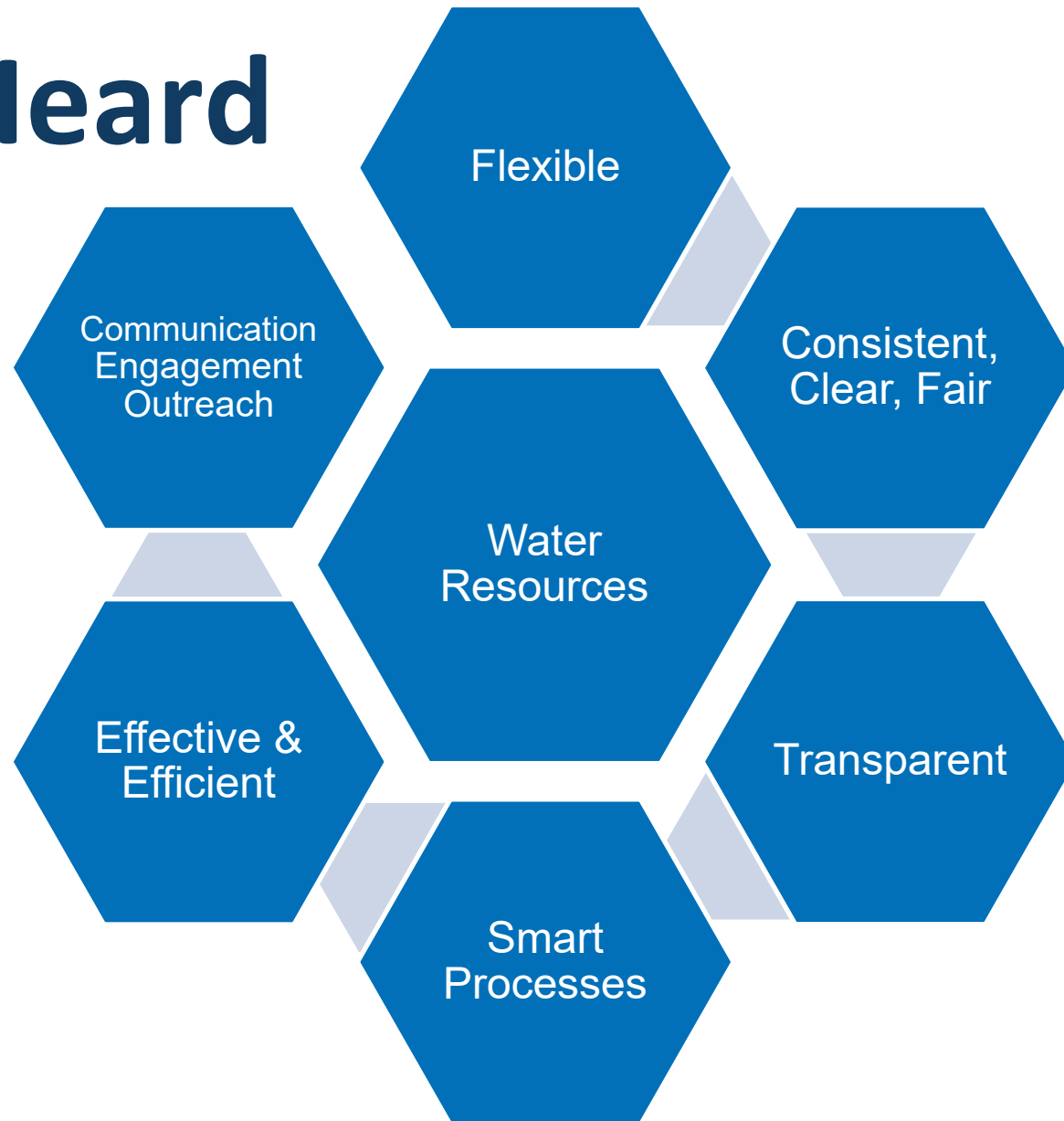
What are improvements or changes that you would like to see in the regulatory program?

What would those improvements or changes result in?

What is working in the current BCWD regulatory program?

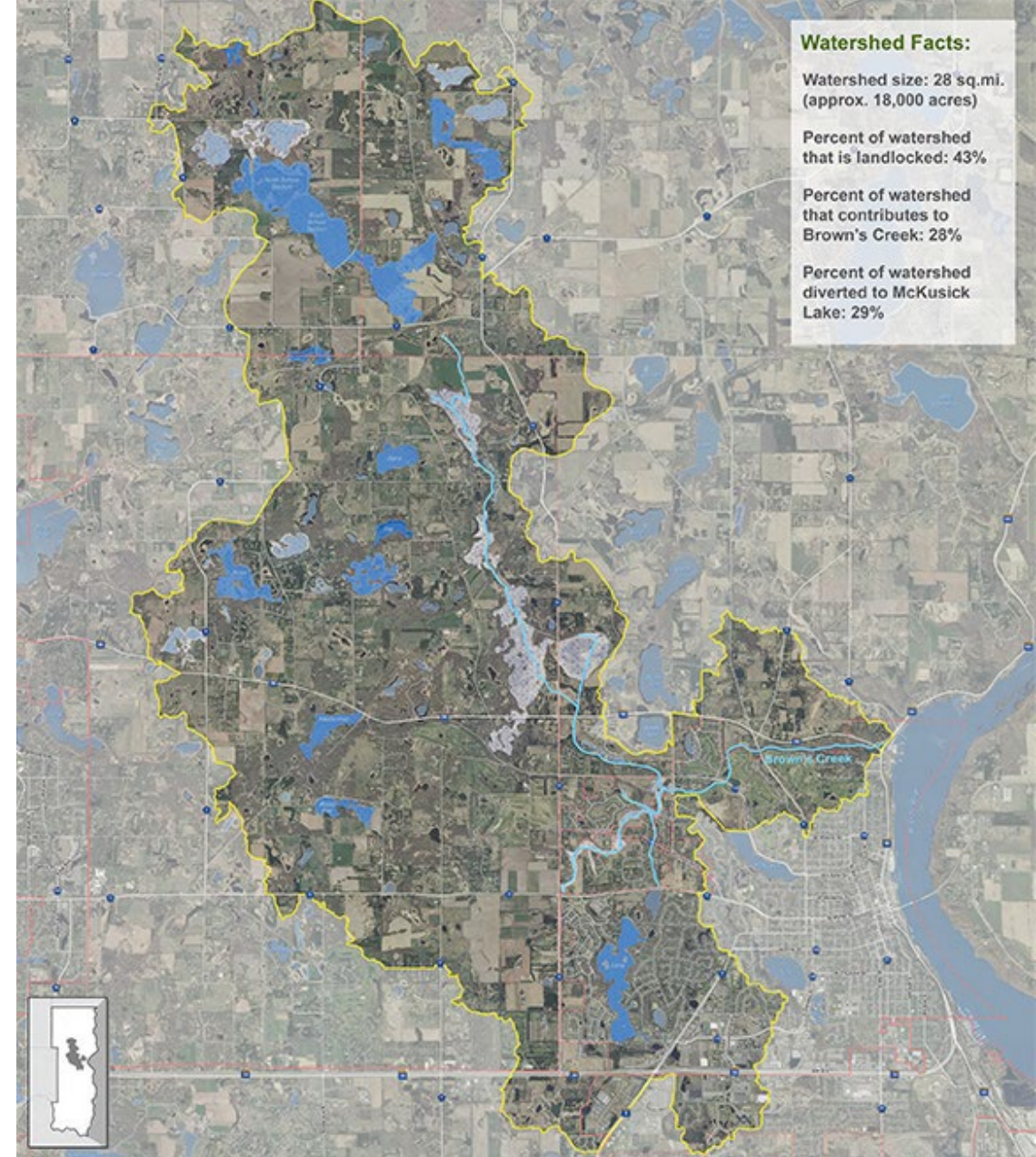
Provide specific suggestions and strategies for BCWD rules, processes, and O&E?

What We Heard



Theme One

The BCWD regulatory program should be transparent, efficient, equitable, consistent, and not unduly complicated



Theme Two

The BCWD regulatory program should protect and improve the resource and properties of the District, and there should be accountability





Theme Three

Communication is critical, should be consistent, and should lead to improved engagement and understanding with the public, partners, permittees, and other specific audiences including engineers representing permittees and the business community

Recommendations

Rules

Processes

Outreach & Information

Board Direction

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from partners

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Rules

1. Prepare for future rule revisions

- Review specific rules identified by partners
- Create an inventory of rules for consideration
- Complete a comparison of rules
- Identify opportunities to clarify & offer flexibility

2. Flexibility w/out increasing variances

- Engage additional feedback
- Look at processes

Rules

3. Begin process after WMP is completed

- Allow time for implementation

- 2026 - 2029

4. Regional solutions

- Review what others are doing for consideration

- Promote BWCD's regional solutions & monitor

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Processes

Develop process to follow up & inspect closed permits / projects and implement enforcement process

Improve hand-off from developers to HOAs

Regional solutions

Processes

Investigate application portal & on-line payments

Review permit fee structure

Review appeals process & implement strategies to improve transparency & timeliness

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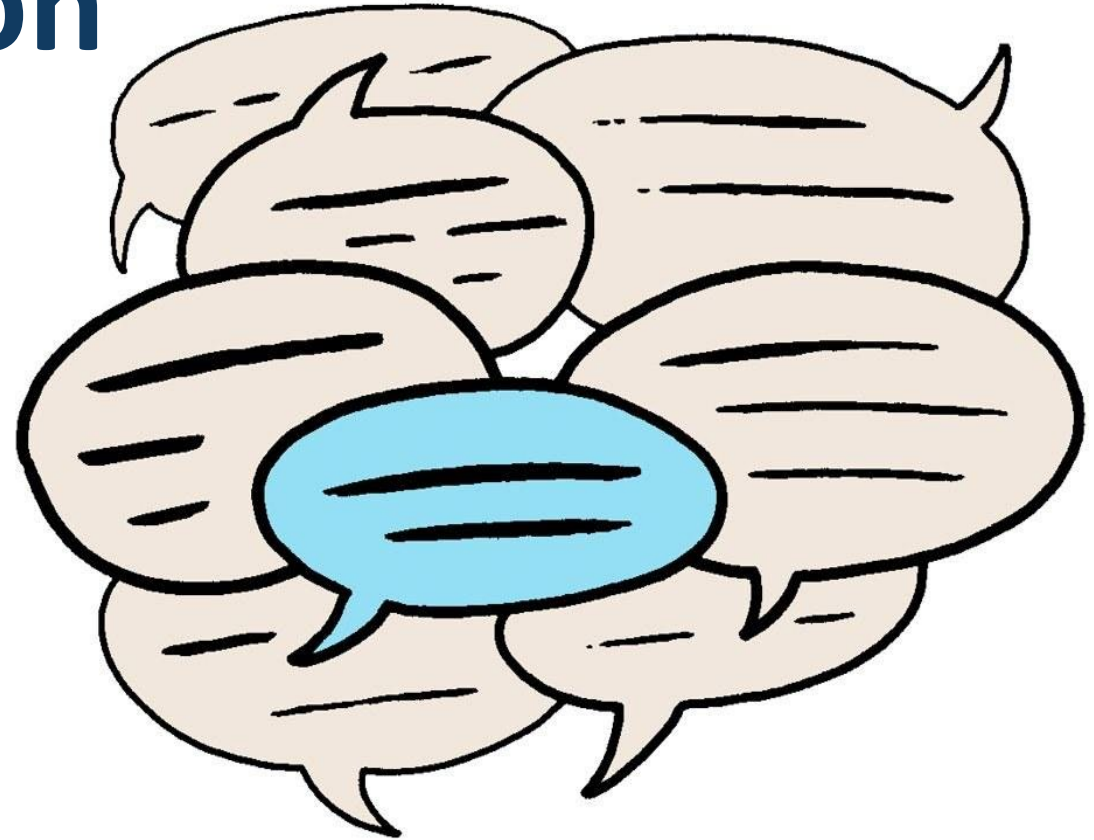
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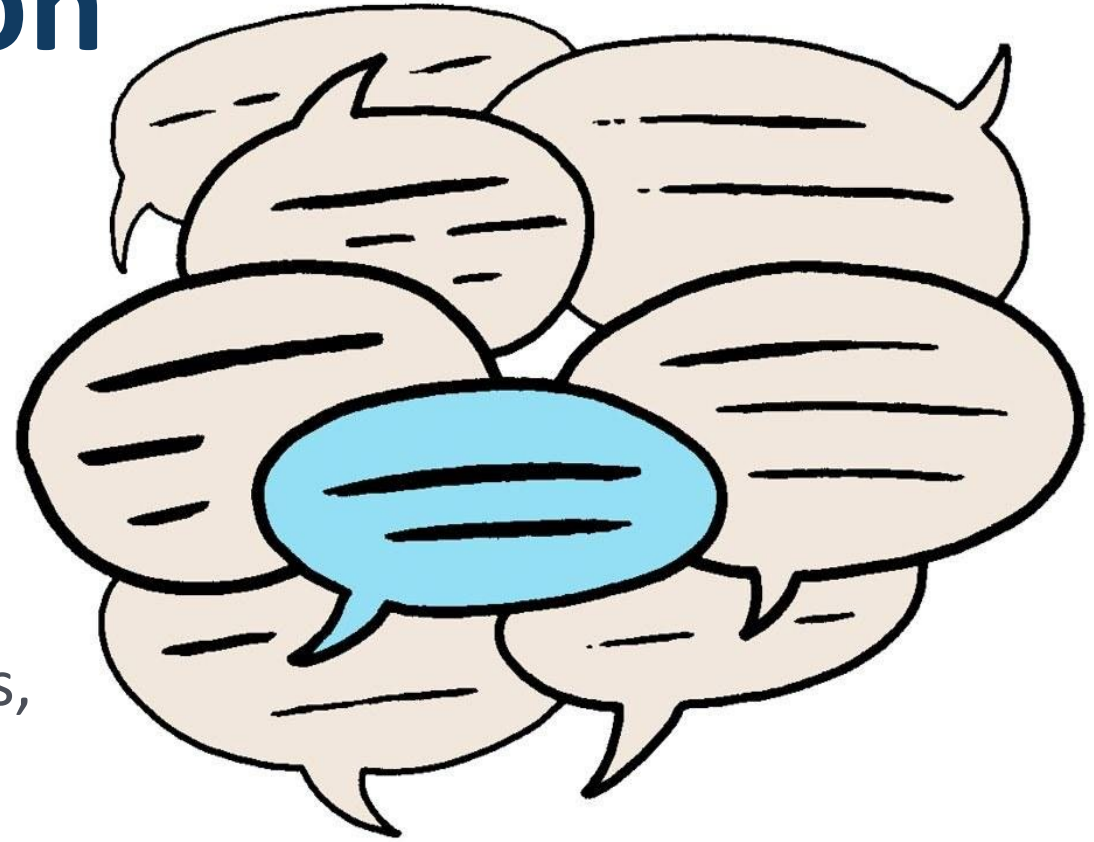
- Work to engage engineers – host ongoing engineering workshops / meetings
 - Initial facilitated conversation
 - Ongoing discussions / training
- Increase outreach opportunities
 - Inventory “touchpoints” and expand
 - Create information cards / standard language for other LGUs
 - Consistent partner meetings



Examples: Lunch & Learns, Breakfasts, Virtual sessions, incentives, collaborate with regional groups & other watershed districts

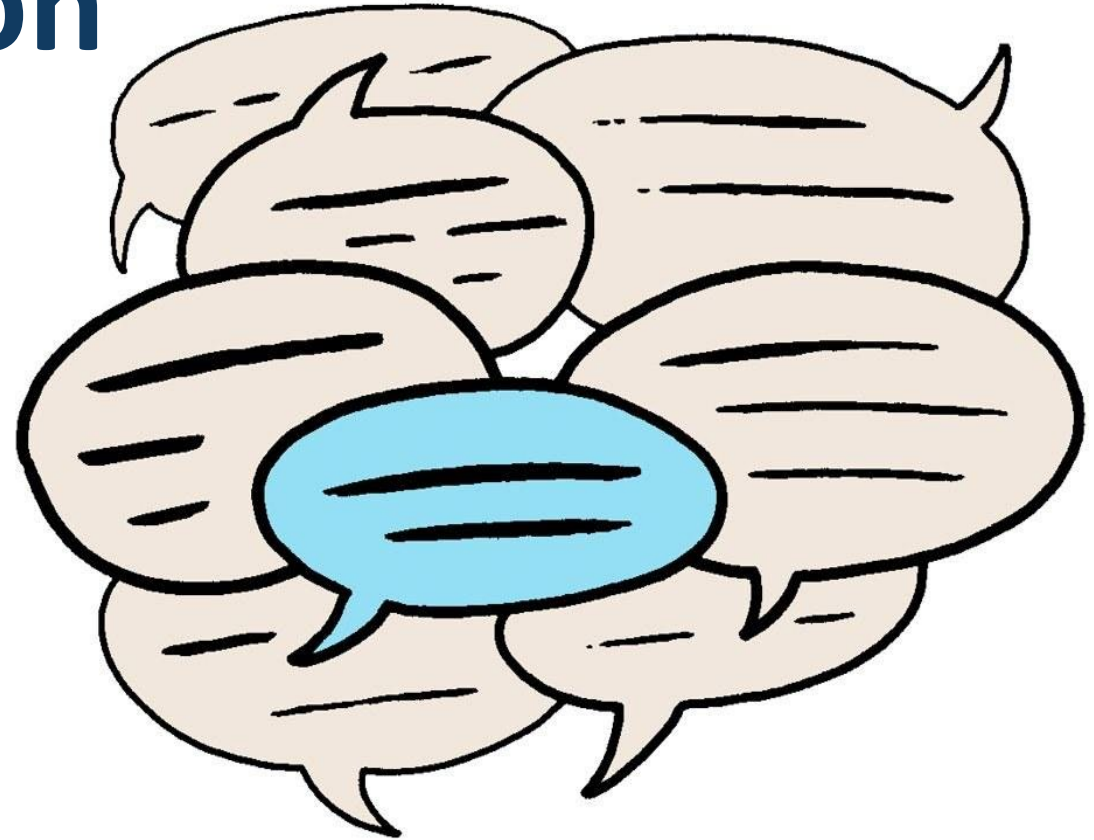
Outreach & Information

- Develop guidance documents for permittees & potential permittees
 - Rules guidance document
 - Videos & vlogs
- Website
 - Increase transparency by sharing the number of applications, approved permits, projects, & pre-app meetings
 - Costs – for permittees & for BCWD
 - Continuous improvement for readability & user experience



Outreach & Information

- Annual reports & newsletters
 - Include information on regulatory program
- Committee membership
 - Provide opportunities for diverse audiences to join or participate in BCWD's boards and committees



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What's Next

Board Direction

Update
Recommendations
& Prepare for
Partner Meeting

Partner Meeting

Thank You!

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