Western States Federal Agency Support Team

A Declaration of Cooperation

Working Together for the Sustainable and Efficient Use of Western Water Resources

We, as representatives of our respective Federal agencies, do hereby declare our intent to cooperate as members of a Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WESTFAST) partnership. We will work together whenever and wherever possible throughout the 17 Western States to promote and educate the public on the benefits of sustainable and efficient use of water resources.

We declare that WESTFAST supports a continued commitment on the part of Federal, and State organizations; working with local, Tribal, and other stakeholders; to improve the effectiveness of collaboration to seek watershed solutions to water issues in the Western States. This effort emphasizes proactive, voluntary, participatory and incentive-based approaches to water resource management and conservation assistance programs throughout the Western States.

We hereby declare that we as WESTFAST partners will collaborate with the Western States Water Council to guide the development of an appropriate action plan for this partnership.

We hereby declare to support, in concept, the establishment of a Federal liaison position to work with the WESTFAST members and the Western States Water Council in developing a collaborative work plan to carry forward joint water resource initiatives. Contributory cost-sharing such a position will be based on authorized and available funds.
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