

Governor's Water Quality and Quantity Task Force

Subcommittees

A. Financing and Incentives Committee

- Examine ROI of sustainable practices like precision ag, cover crops, etc.
- Explore fee/tax models to address nitrate legacy (e.g., Title 200 gas tax analogy)
- Reframe incentives to support early adopters and expand education

B. Nitrate Legacy and Drinking Water Access Committee

- Support water treatment costs for communities
- Review community management within source water and wellhead protection areas
- Discuss rural water system development as a long-term potable water strategy
- Discuss monitoring and best practices for self-served domestic water supplies

C. Water Conservation and Quantity Committee

- Irrigation well water metering requirements
- Review allocation systems to determine most effective strategies
- Review water availability for industries and economic growth

D. Methods and Resources Committee

- Identify existing effective practices to reduce nitrogen and water use
- Determine regionally appropriate metrics for incentives or restrictions
- Establish benchmarks for measuring the success of the task force initiatives
- Discuss potential information clearinghouse (e.g., pivot company tech)
- Consider tools like "Producer Connect" to improve adoption
- Discuss generational change gap and how to address it