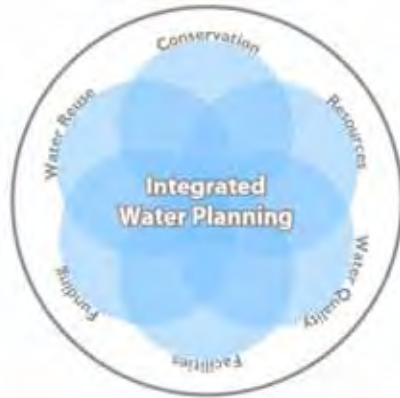


APPENDIX E

Evaluation Criteria



Early in the IW PAC process, members were asked to identify concepts or “evaluation criteria” that could be used to help guide the development of in-state resources. The following reflects the opinions of individual members rather than the committee as a whole.

- **Cost Per Acre-Foot**
- **General Feasibility**
 - Legal
 - Regulatory
 - Political
- **Potential for Drought Protection**
 - Southern Nevada
 - County of origin
- **Potential for Environmental Protection**
 - Resource sustainability
 - Minimize local source impacts
 - Minimize impacts on aquatic/endangered species locally and down gradient
 - Make efficient use of water
 - Maximize return-flow or augmentation credits
- **Potential for Economic Benefits**
 - Provide sufficient water to meet projected future demand in Southern Nevada
 - Ensure sufficient water to meet future demand in county of origin
 - Minimize adverse economic impacts to Southern Nevada
 - Minimize adverse economic impacts to county of origin
 - Minimize adverse economic impacts to State of Nevada
 - Minimize energy needs/costs
 - Maximize use of local workforce
 - Minimize rural/urban lifestyle impacts
- **Potential for Increased System Reliability**
 - Southern Nevada
 - County of origin
- **Scheduling & Development Flexibility**
 - Ability to bring on-line in a timely fashion
 - Ability to phase and not over-commit
 - Ability to learn and adapt based on new data
- **Water Quality**
 - Minimize need for additional water treatment
- **Other**
 - Credibility of projections
 - Feasibility of financing plan