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Having listened throughout past "Advisory Group on Water Trust, Banking, and Transfers" (online) WebEx meetings, and speaking on behalf of Washington State Ground Water Association as the association's Government Affairs Coordinator, I remain pleased with the general shape, process and overall discussion points that have been addressed over recent months.

Having already weighed in with my survey comments made following the more recent meetings, I feel that the overall concerns raised, combined with the general direction of discussions that have transpired, taking into consideration important water supply considerations that embrace the concerns of more than a million private (domestic) well owners across Washington State... our association remains in general concurrence with the overall water issues, balance and safeguards that have been raised throughout the WebEx meetings.

I've appreciated the discussion framework and substantial participation by myriad water stakeholder interests during each of these periodic WebEx (online) gatherings. Indeed, there's a wealth of knowledge, experience, and varied viewpoints from which to draw upon, which, in turn, further assists Ecology in crafting its draft recommendations to the Legislature later this year.