General Areas for Discussion and Clarification
Groundwater Mitigation Subcommittee

April 30, 2021

- **Relationship between the Groundwater Subcommittee and the Department:**
  - Question: How might the collaborate structure its engagement with the Department to ensure maximum alignment throughout the process?
  - Question: Will the collaborative's recommendation be utilized by the Department?
  - Question: What is needed to enhance the influence that the collaborative's recommendation has?
  - Question: Is there a need to formalize the nature of the collaborative relationship with the Department? What might that look like: Eg: A memo

- **Scope of Subcommittee's Work:**
  - What issues and aspects of groundwater mitigation does the collaborative have the most potential to influence or impact?
  - How/does this align with the Department's priorities?

- **Outcomes/Deliverables Generated by the Groundwater Subcommittee:**
  - Clarity: The Group has clarity that is focusing generally on the State's Groundwater Mitigation program—and may address other elements of groundwater mitigation as they come up in relation to that program
  - Question: What is the deliverable of the subcommittee?
    - Option: A set of recommendations to the State (in a white paper or other format) for consideration
      - Question: what format/structure should those recommendations take?
      - Question: how detailed or directive should those be?
      - Question: what composition and decision-making structure does the subcommittee/collaborative need to have for those recommendations to be seen as as highly credible by the State

- **Timing:**
  - The Department is currently (April/May) wrapping up its 5-year evaluation and data that will yield important information regarding the collaborative's scope of work
  - Key Department staff are tied up in other priorities and unlikely available to clarify collaborative/Department relationship for several months
  - Question: What is the best timeline for the collaborative to outline its scope of work given the above?

- **Next-steps for the Groundwater Mitigation Subcommittee**
  - There is a need to ensure shared learning on the part of the subcommittee members
  - There is also a need to expand who is on the subcommittee to ensure diverse stakeholder representation
  - Question: Given the above as well as concerns about timing issues, when is the best time to outline our scope of work and fully galvanize this subcommittee?