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The Committee worked diligently in compiling a document that reflects positions, desires and needs across varied interests throughout the entire YWG Basin. However, given the accelerated timeframe of the process, this document does not entirely address all of the issues facing the YWG Basin in great detail; neither do the current projects and methods portray a complete picture of water supply options. As a result, this draft BIP can be considered a foundation for future water supply planning in the YWG Basin. As the planning process continues, additional refinements will occur and conversations will persist amongst all parties, all with a goal of providing an attainable and sensible water future for municipal, industrial, agricultural, environmental and recreational needs.

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