

CHARGE QUESTIONS for the SAB Panel
The Value of Water to the U.S. Economy Report
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1. Questions about the OVERVIEW of the Background Report
 - a. Is the Purpose of the report clear and consistent with the Panel's understanding of the scientific and analytic challenges associated with valuing water? Is the report addressing an important problem in an efficient and clear manner?
 - b. Does the Context and Conceptual Framework section provide a coherent framework for describing and evaluating the value of water to the U.S. economy? Do you have advice for improving the logic and structure of this framework?
 - c. Are the Economic Perspectives for Evaluating the Value of Water described logical and consistent with economic theory? Do they provide an effective and efficient lens for evaluating the value of water in the U.S. economy? Do you have advice for improving the way in which we are looking at the concept of "value" and how to evaluate it?
 - d. Does the sector-based approach to organizing the Background Report provide a sound foundation for evaluating the value of water to the U.S. economy? Do you have advice for improving the organization of the report?

2. Questions about the POTENTIAL EXPERT PAPER TOPICS
 - a. Among the potential topics provided, which offer the greatest potential for gaining insight on the value of water in the U.S. economy?
 - i. Should any be combined or divided?
 - ii. Are there other topics we should consider?
 - b. We utilized (1) the sector-based water consumption structure of the Background Report, and (2) the Economic Perspectives for Evaluating the Value of Water to develop the list of topics and questions provided. Is this an effective way to develop potential topics and questions? Is there another perspective that we should consider?
 - c. Are there questions we should be asking that we aren't? Are there questions we should drop?
 - d. What criteria should we use in making a final decision about which topics to pursue?

3. Questions about our approach in general
 - a. What are the greatest strengths of the approach we have put forth for review?
 - i. How can we build on those strengths?
 - b. What are the greatest weaknesses of the approach we have put forth for review?
 - i. What gaps do you see in our approach?
 - c. What areas of the report are you most interested in seeing highlighted in future SAB consultation and review?