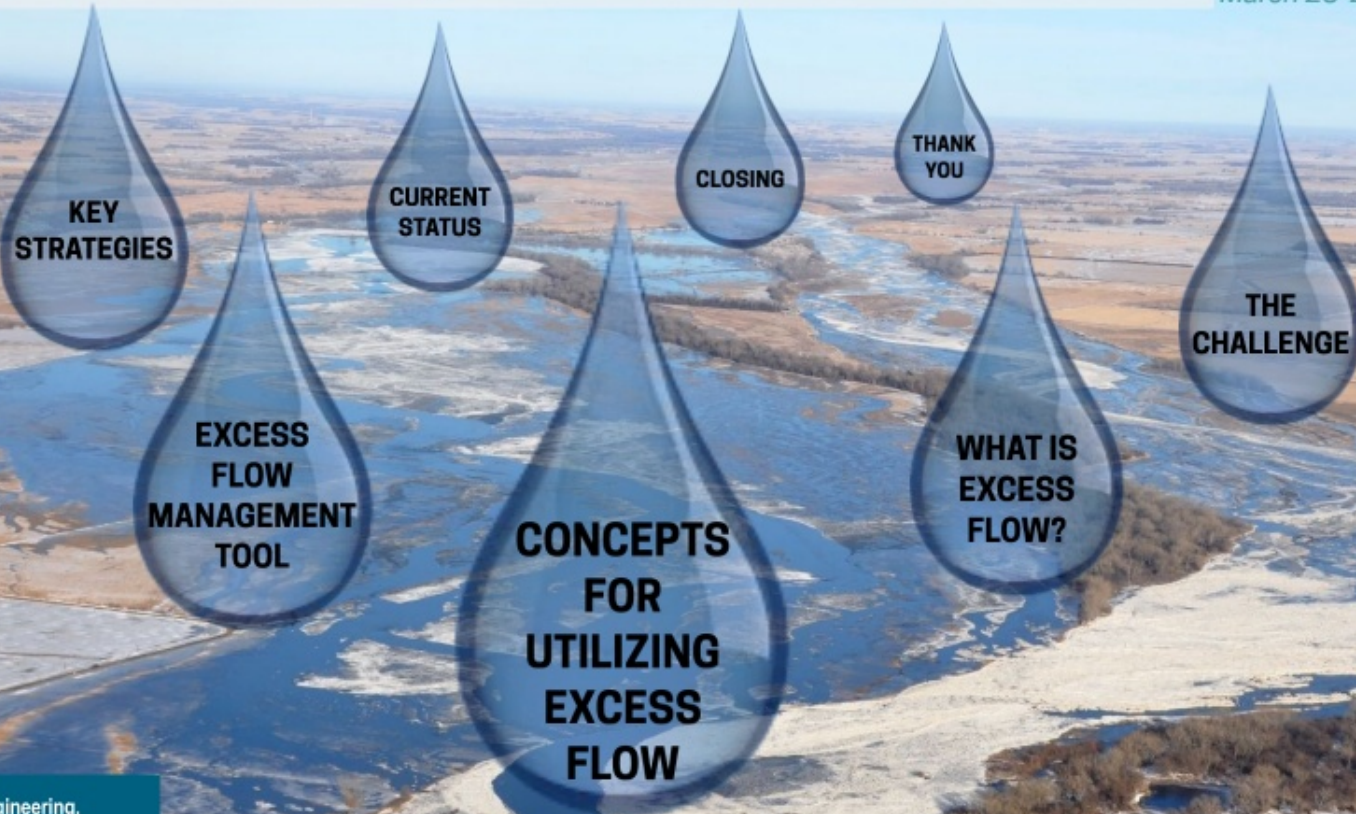


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The Challenge...



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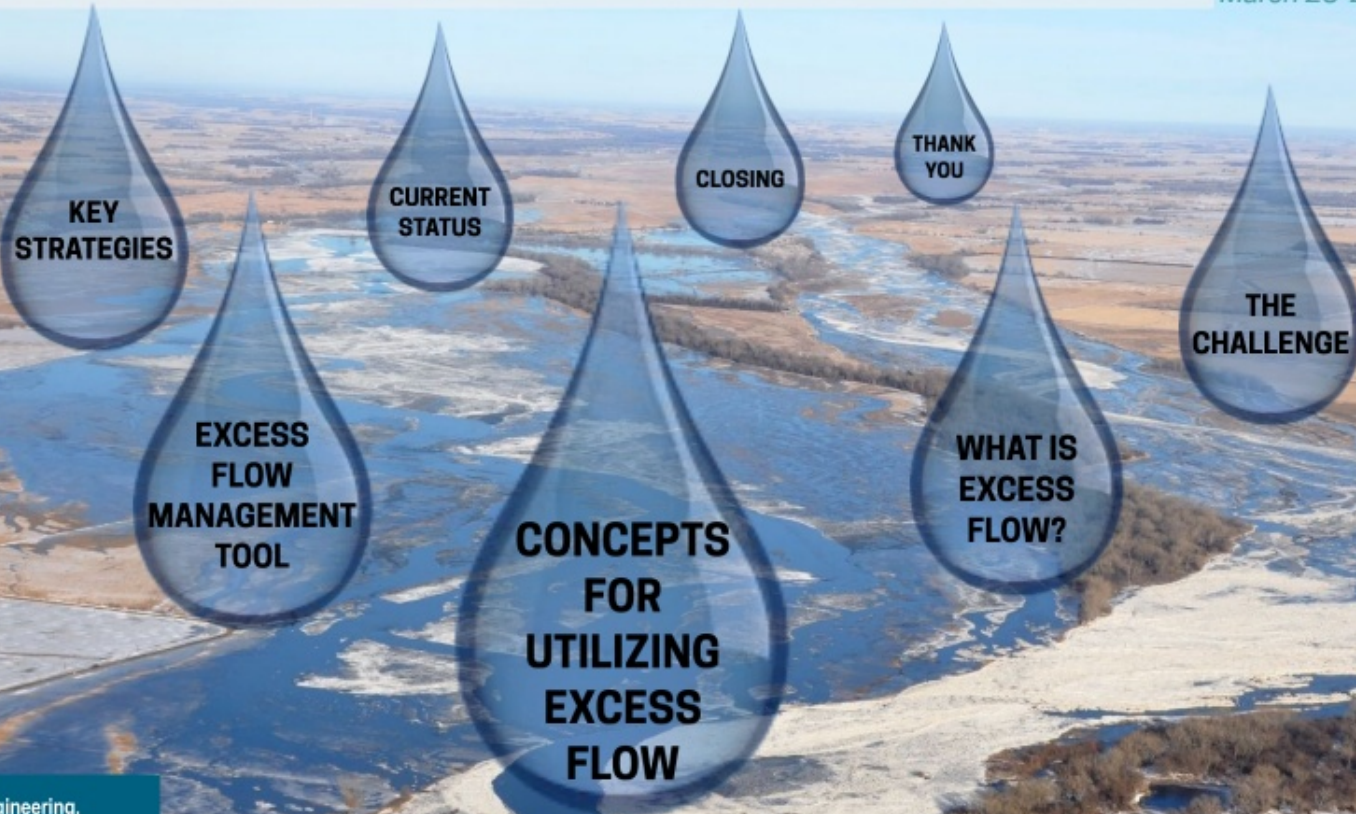
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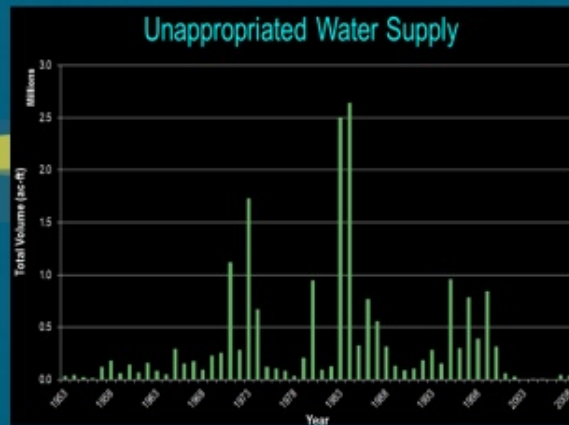


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What is Excess Flow?

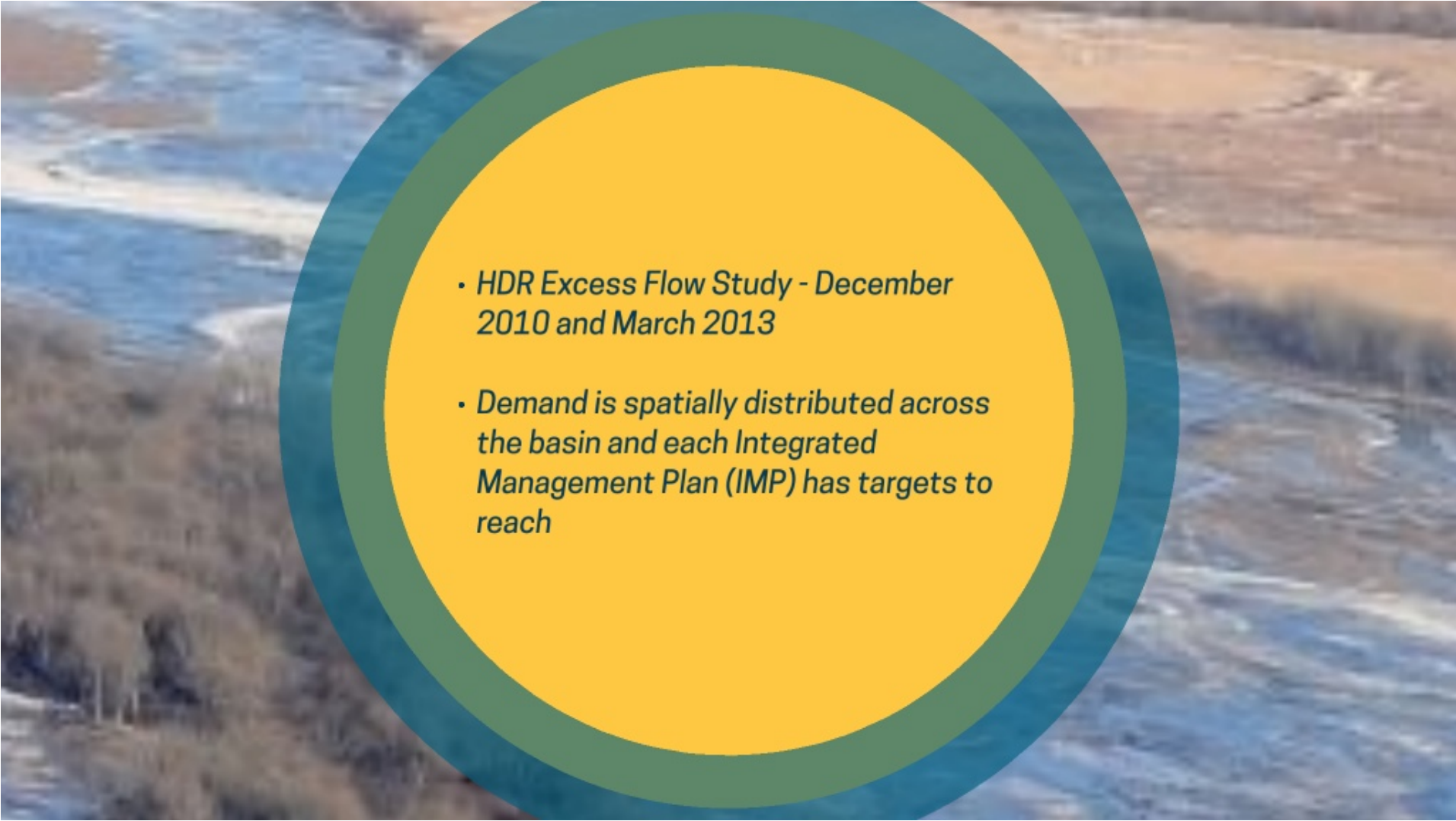
The quantity of natural flow available above the demand for natural flow




Background

Systematic Approach

What is a DSS?

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- An aerial photograph of a river with a large circular graphic overlay. The graphic consists of three concentric circles: a central yellow circle, a middle green ring, and an outer blue ring. The river is blue and flows through a brown, hilly landscape.
- *HDR Excess Flow Study - December 2010 and March 2013*
 - *Demand is spatially distributed across the basin and each Integrated Management Plan (IMP) has targets to reach*

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- An aerial photograph of a river with a large circular graphic overlay. The graphic consists of three concentric circles: an inner yellow circle, a middle green ring, and an outer blue ring. The text is centered within the yellow circle.
- *NeDNR has committed to establishing a systematic approach for making water allocation decisions related to excess flow events*
 - *Goal: Develop a system to support effective, timely, and transparent water resource allocation decisions related to excess flow*

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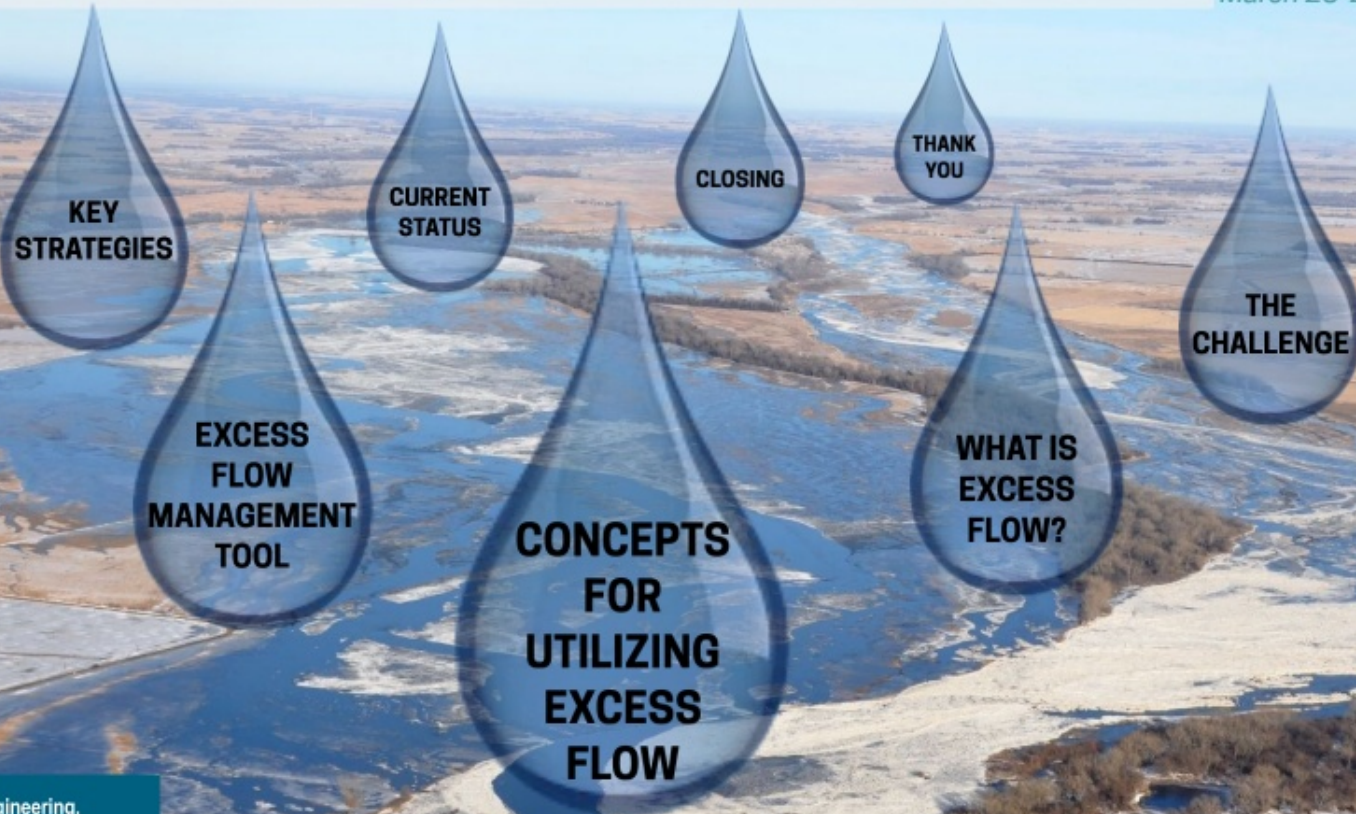
Decision Support System (DSS)

**Information system that supports
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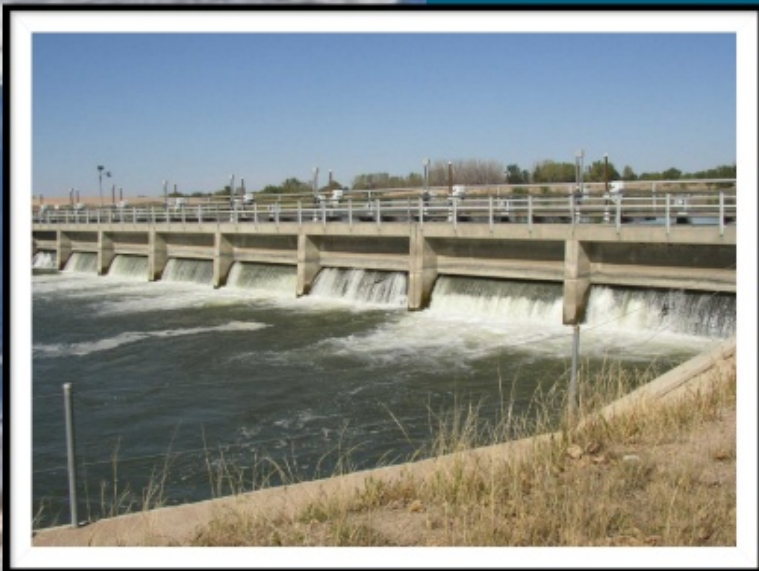
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An aerial photograph of a river delta, showing a network of water channels and sediment bars. A large teal circle is overlaid on the center of the image. Inside the circle, the text "Concepts behind using Excess Flow" is written in white. Below the text, a stylized graphic of a river channel is shown, with a yellow-green peak on the left and a grey-blue peak on the right, representing different flow regimes or water levels.

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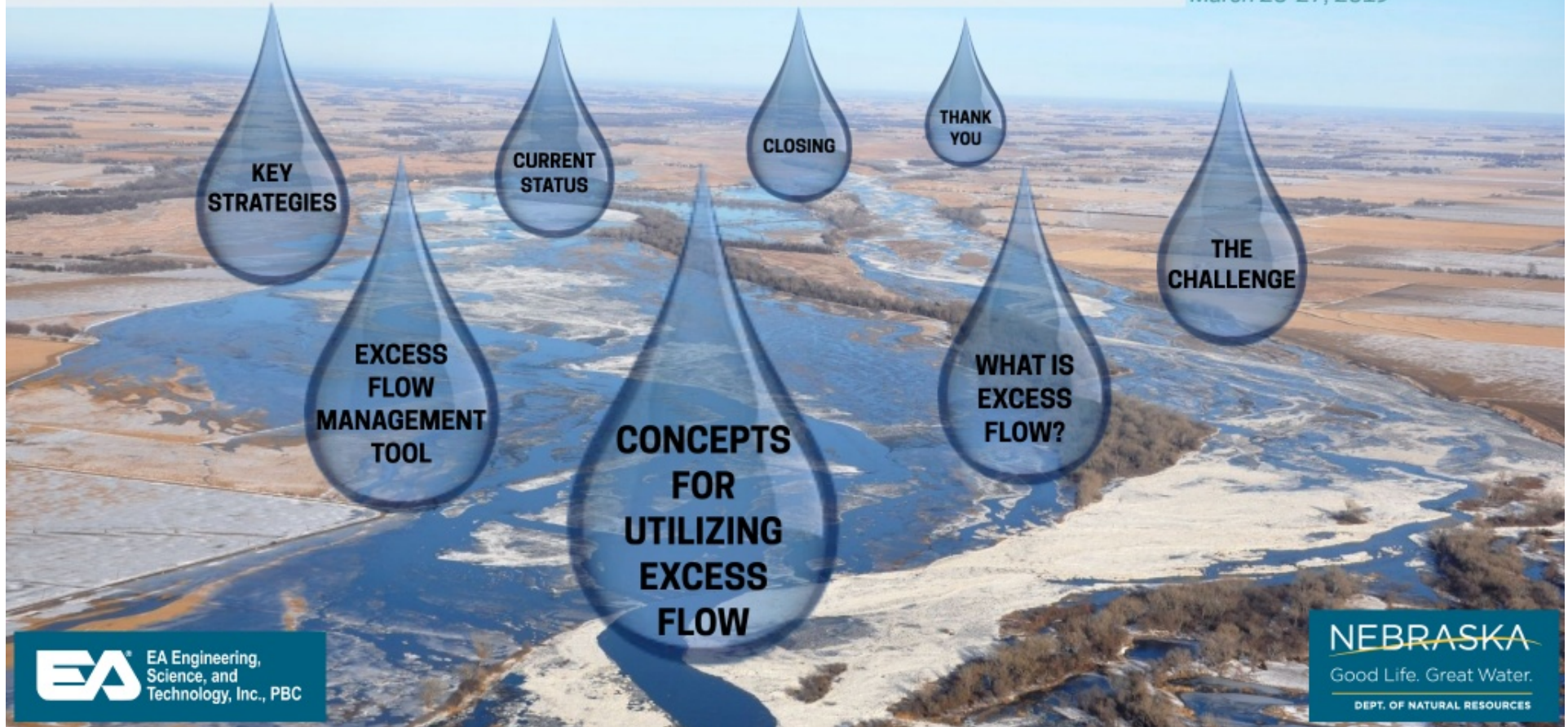
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An aerial photograph of a wide river with blue water and sandy banks. A large teal circular graphic is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text and a list. The graphic consists of a dark teal inner circle and a lighter teal outer ring.

Challenge:

- *Determine when excess flow is present*
- *Effectively permit and administer excess flow*

Solution:

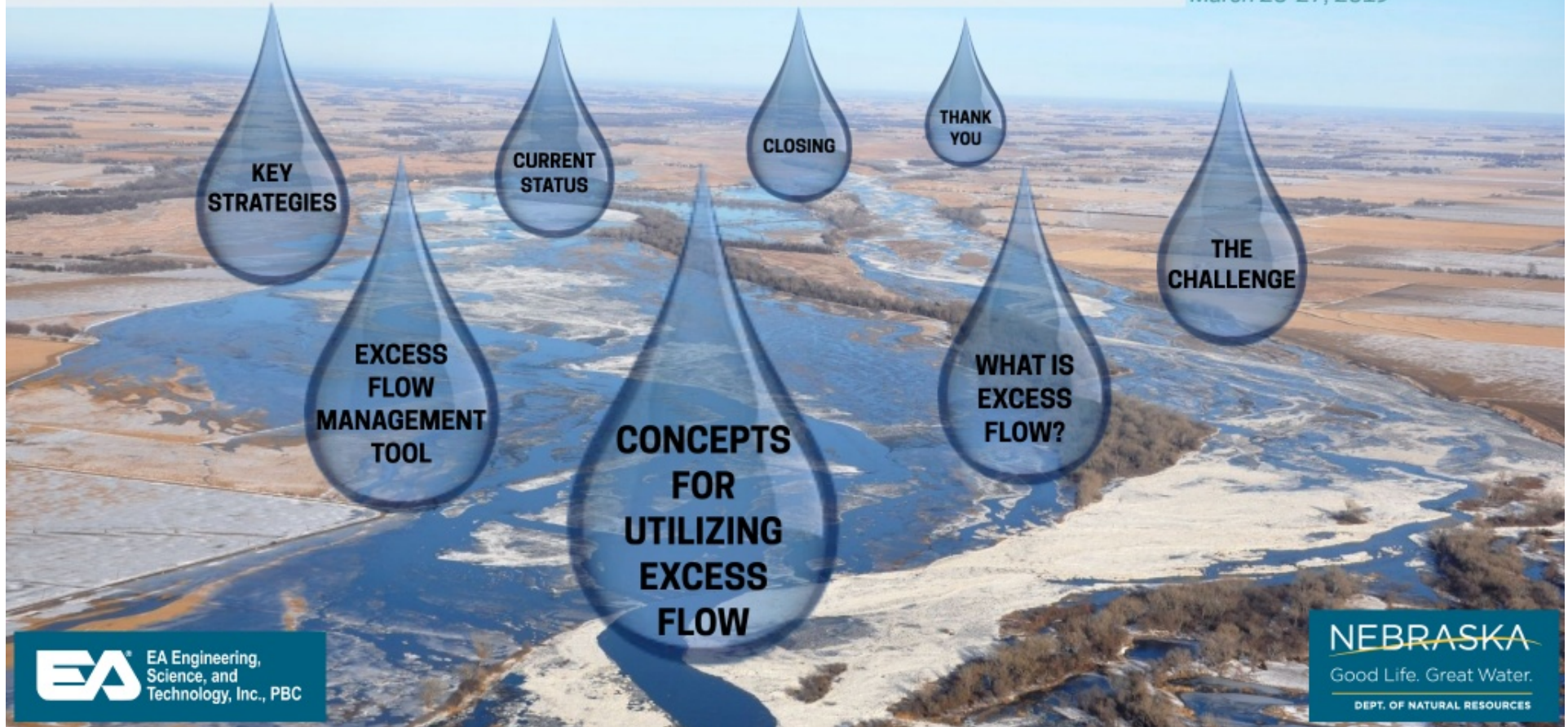
- *Platte River DSS*
- *Development started May 2018*
- *Consultant team: EA and RESPEC*



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An aerial photograph of a river delta, likely the Platte River, showing a complex network of water channels and wetlands. The water is a deep blue, contrasting with the brownish, sandy soil of the surrounding land. In the center of the image, there is a large teal circular graphic. Inside this circle, the text "Key Strategies of the Platte River DSS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. A thin, horizontal, wavy line in shades of yellow and green is positioned just below the text within the circle.

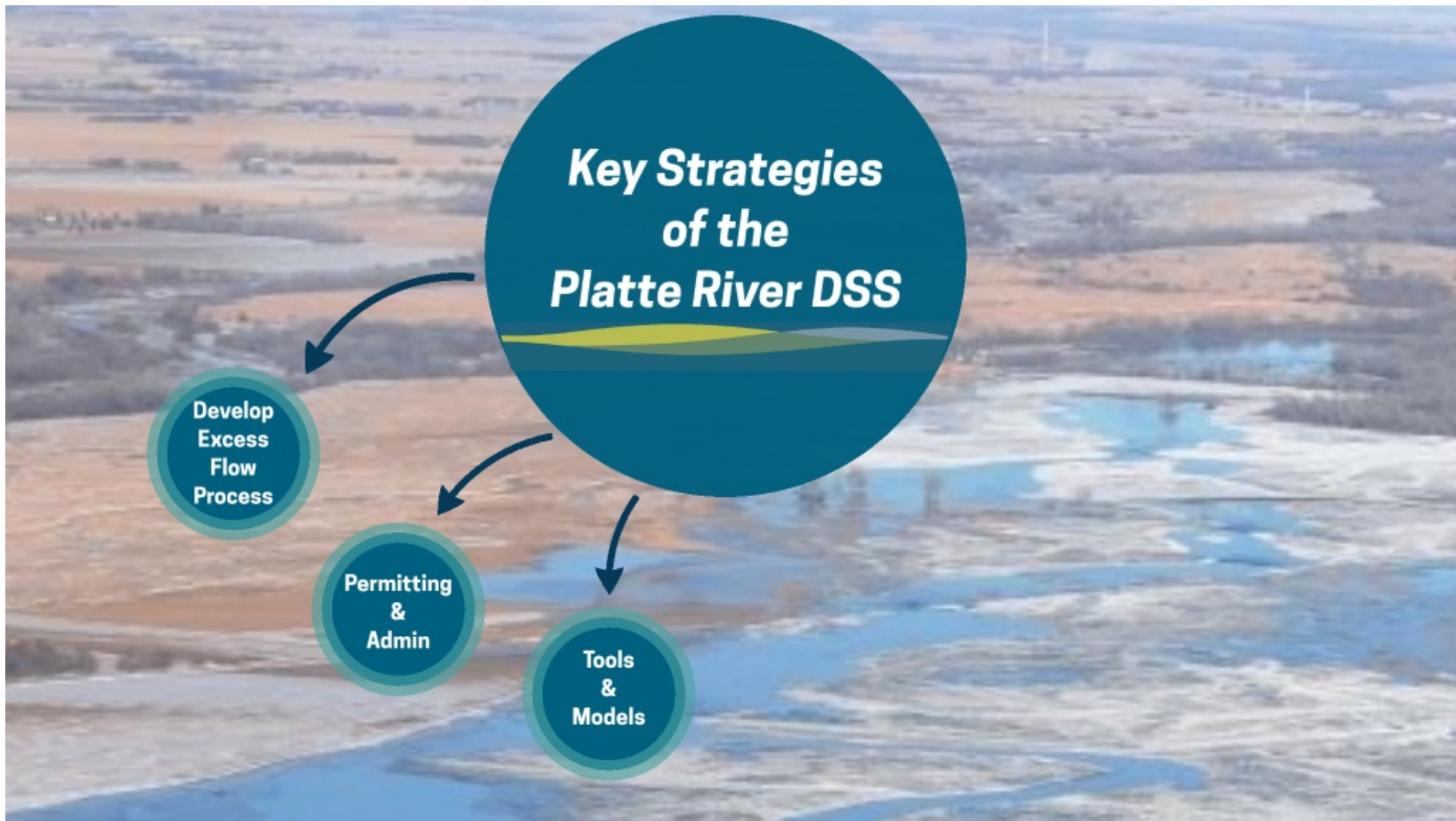
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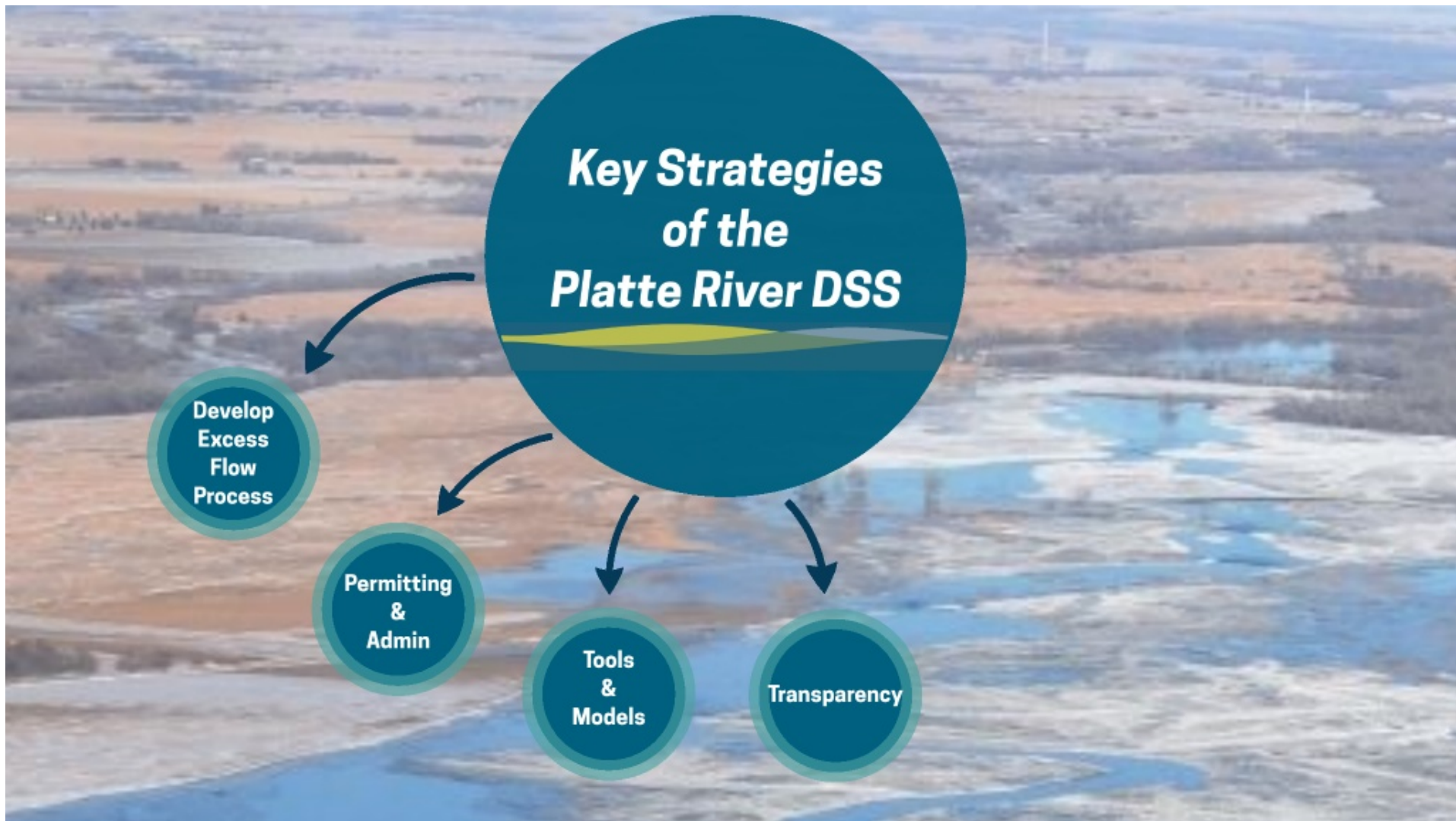


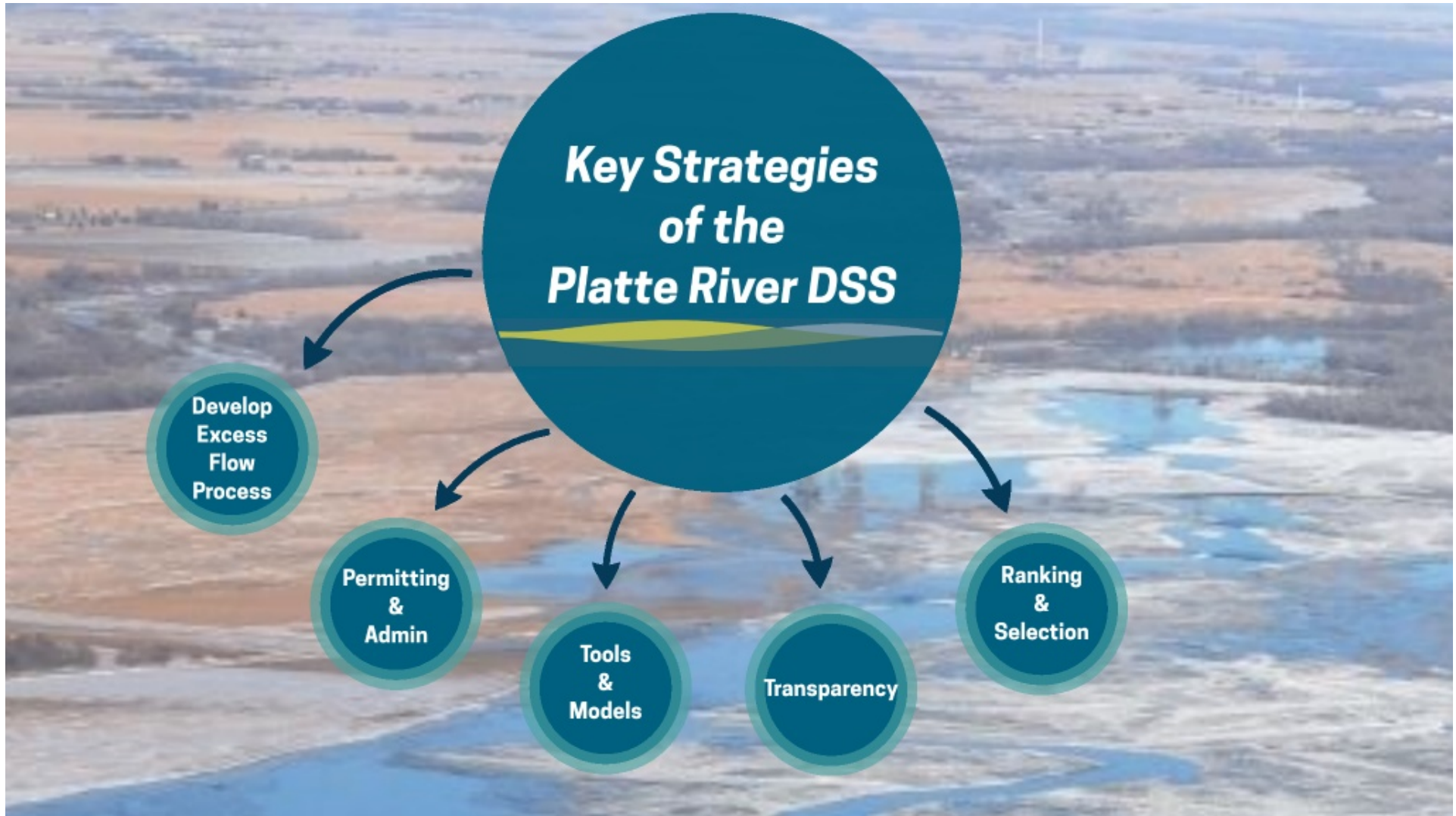
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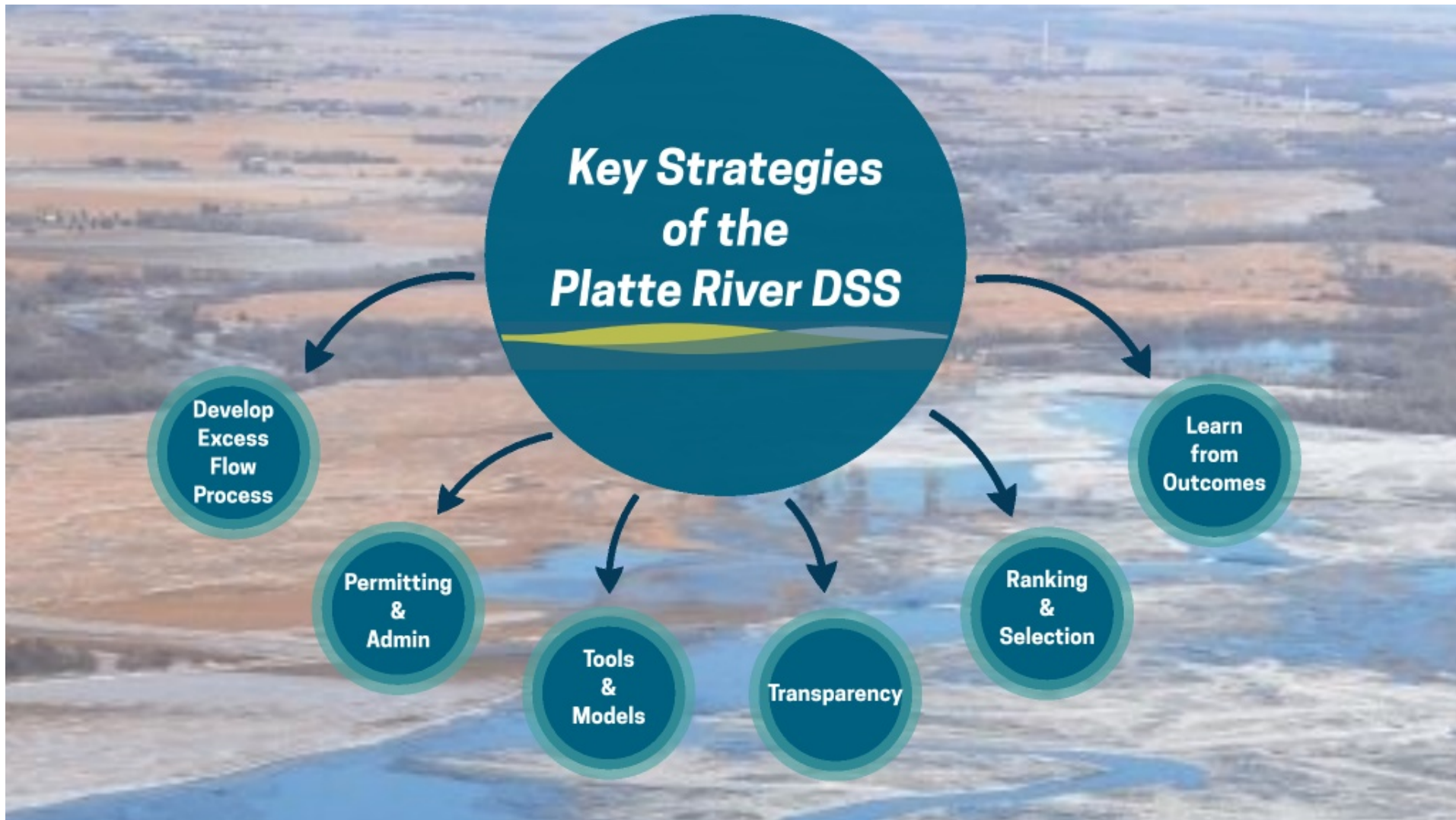
**Develop
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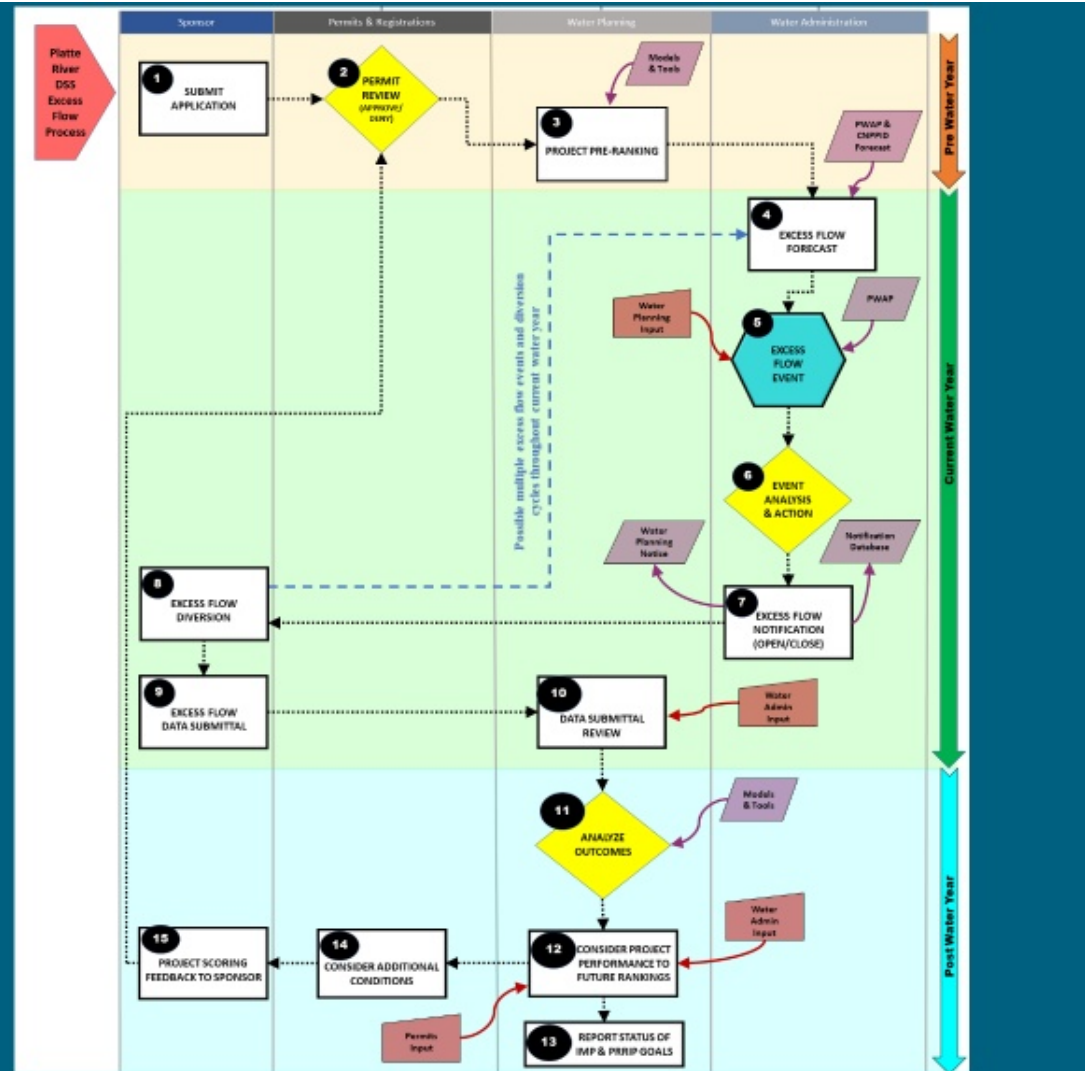


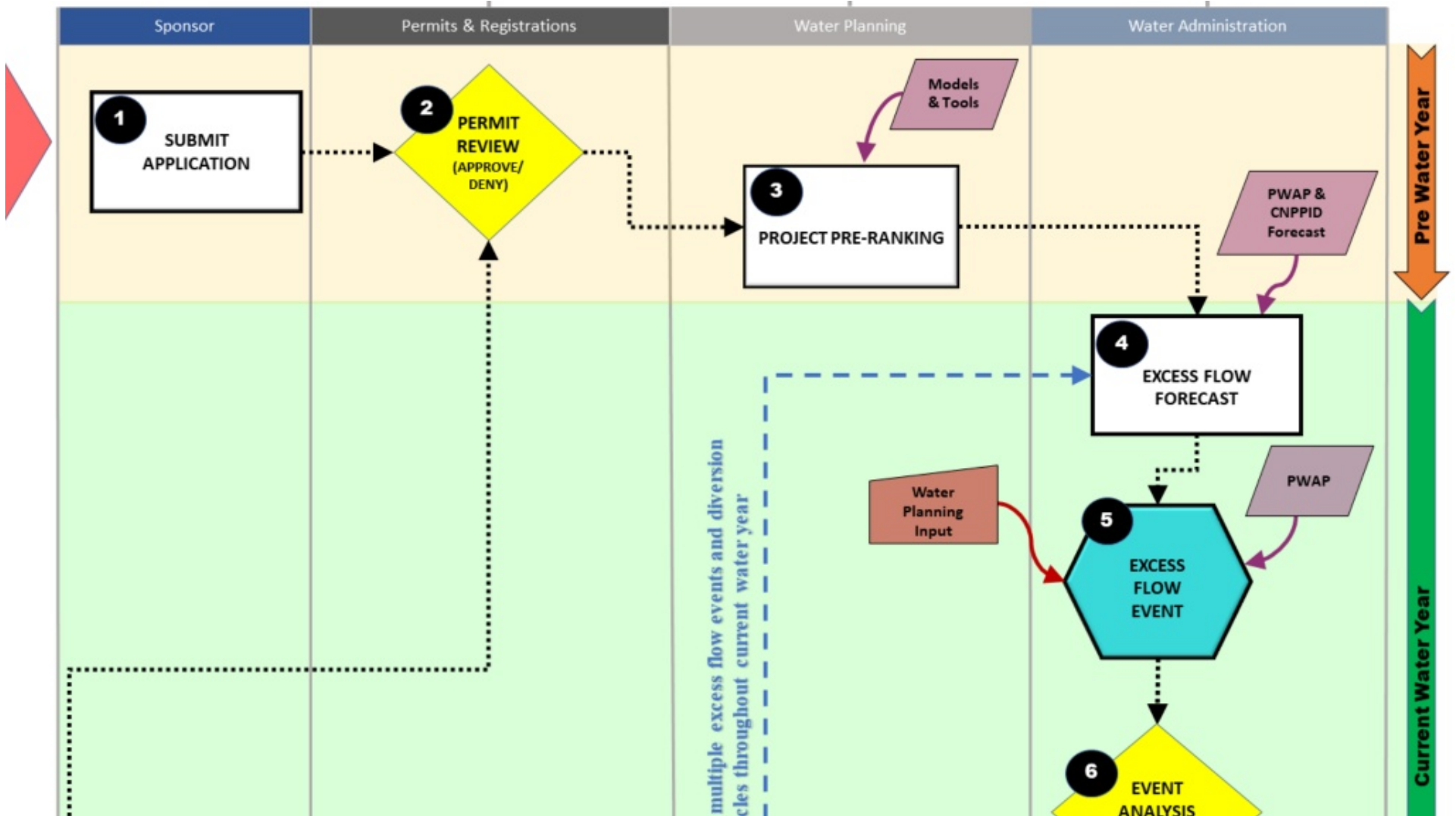


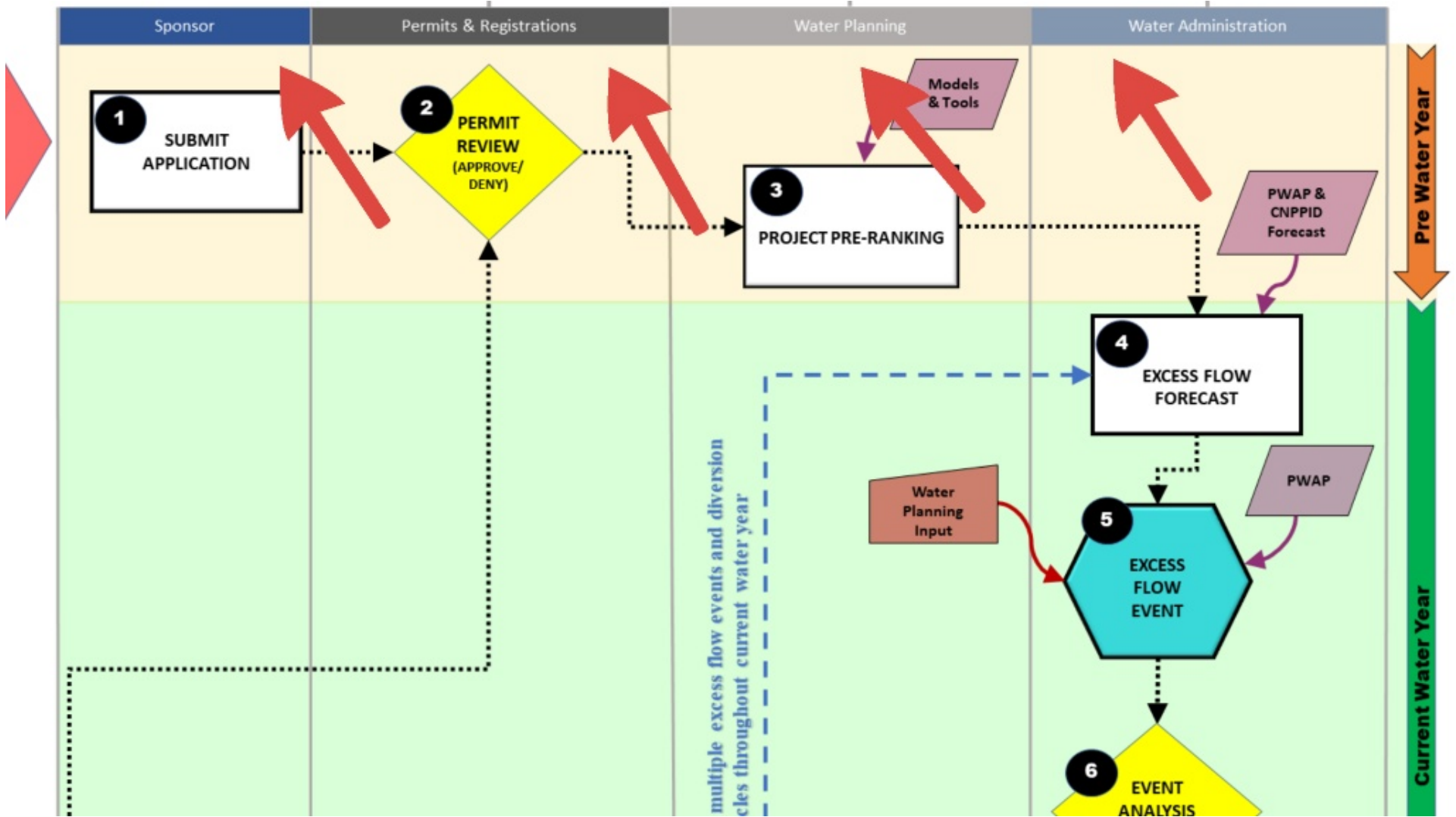


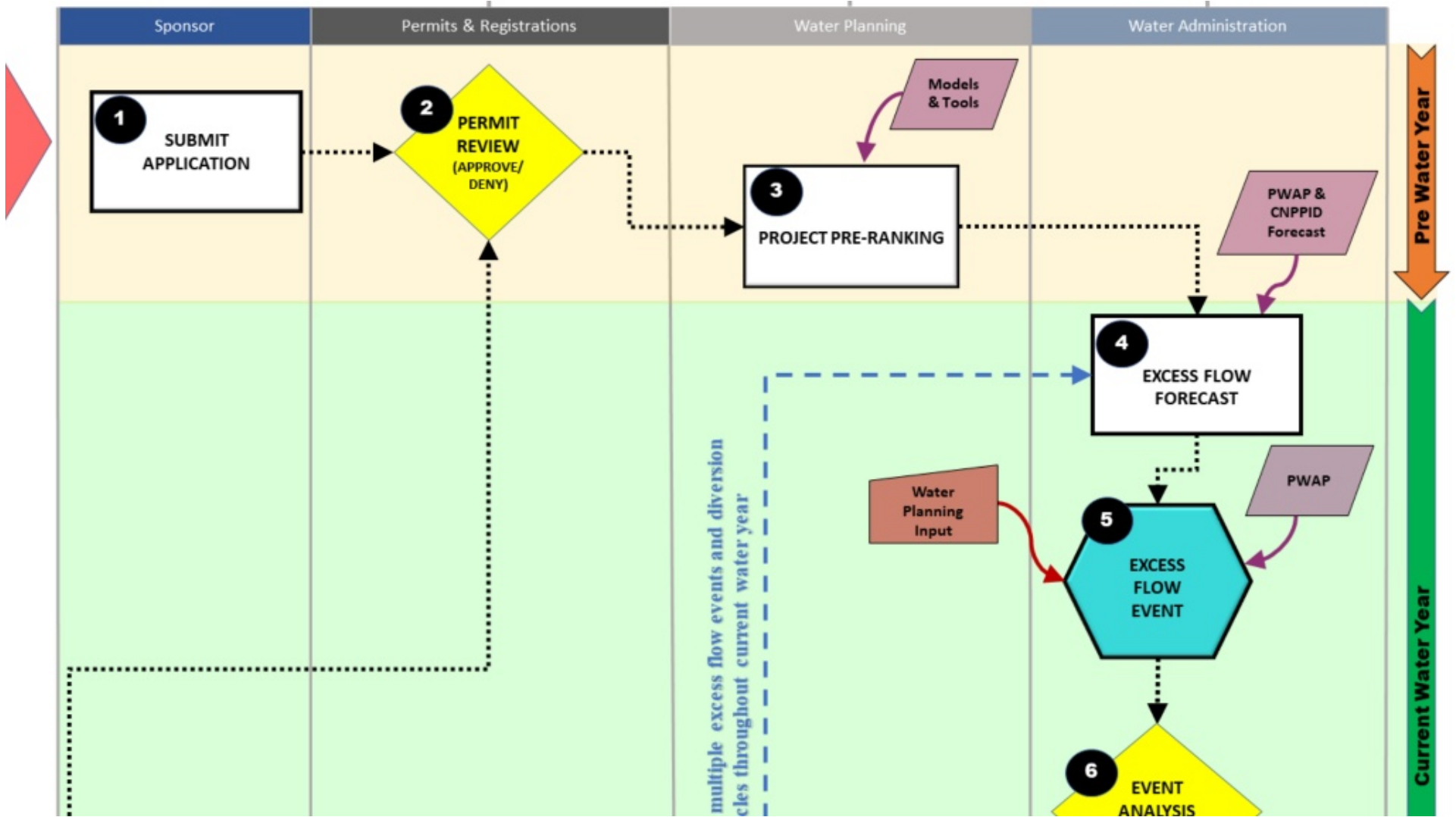
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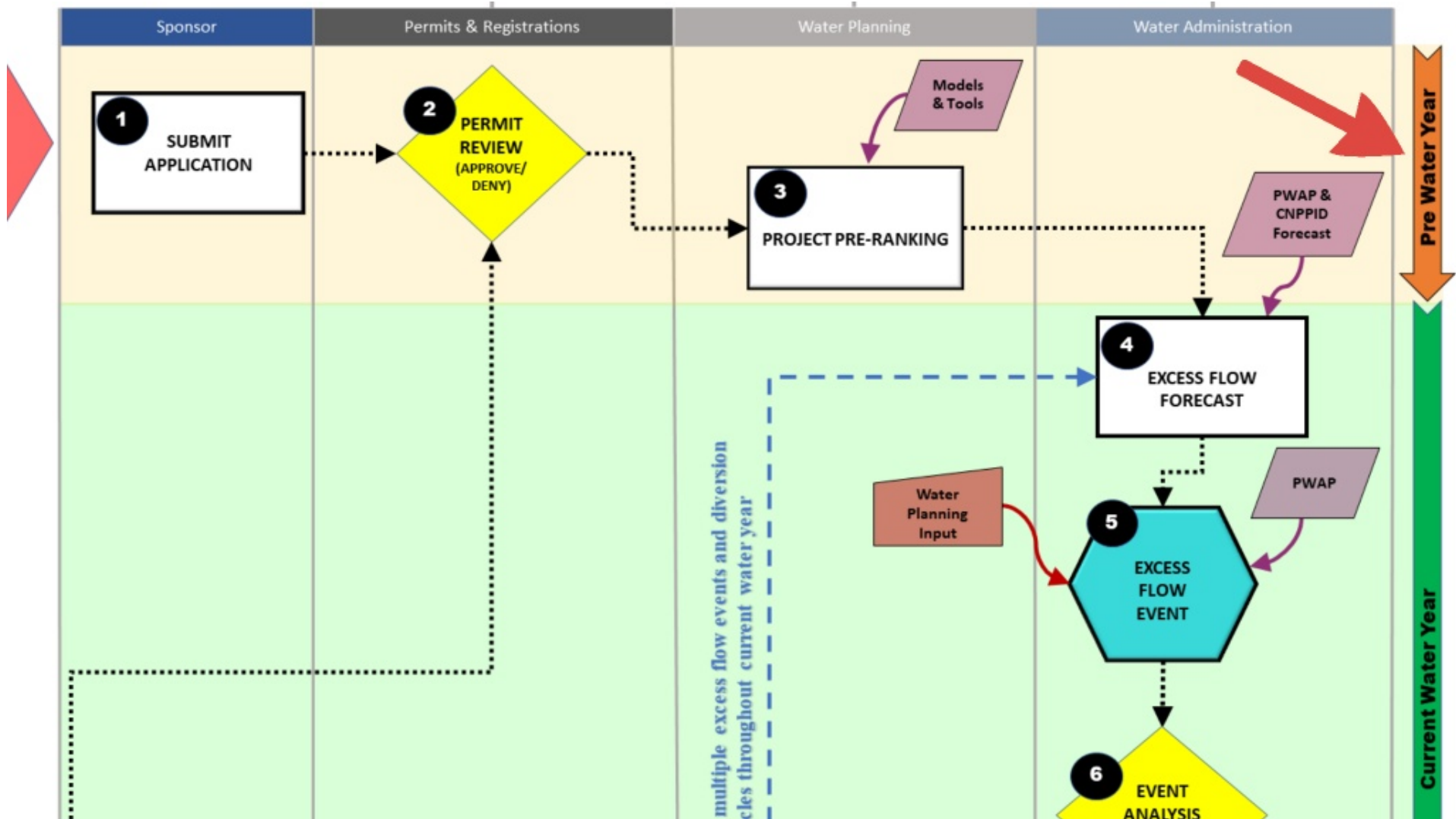
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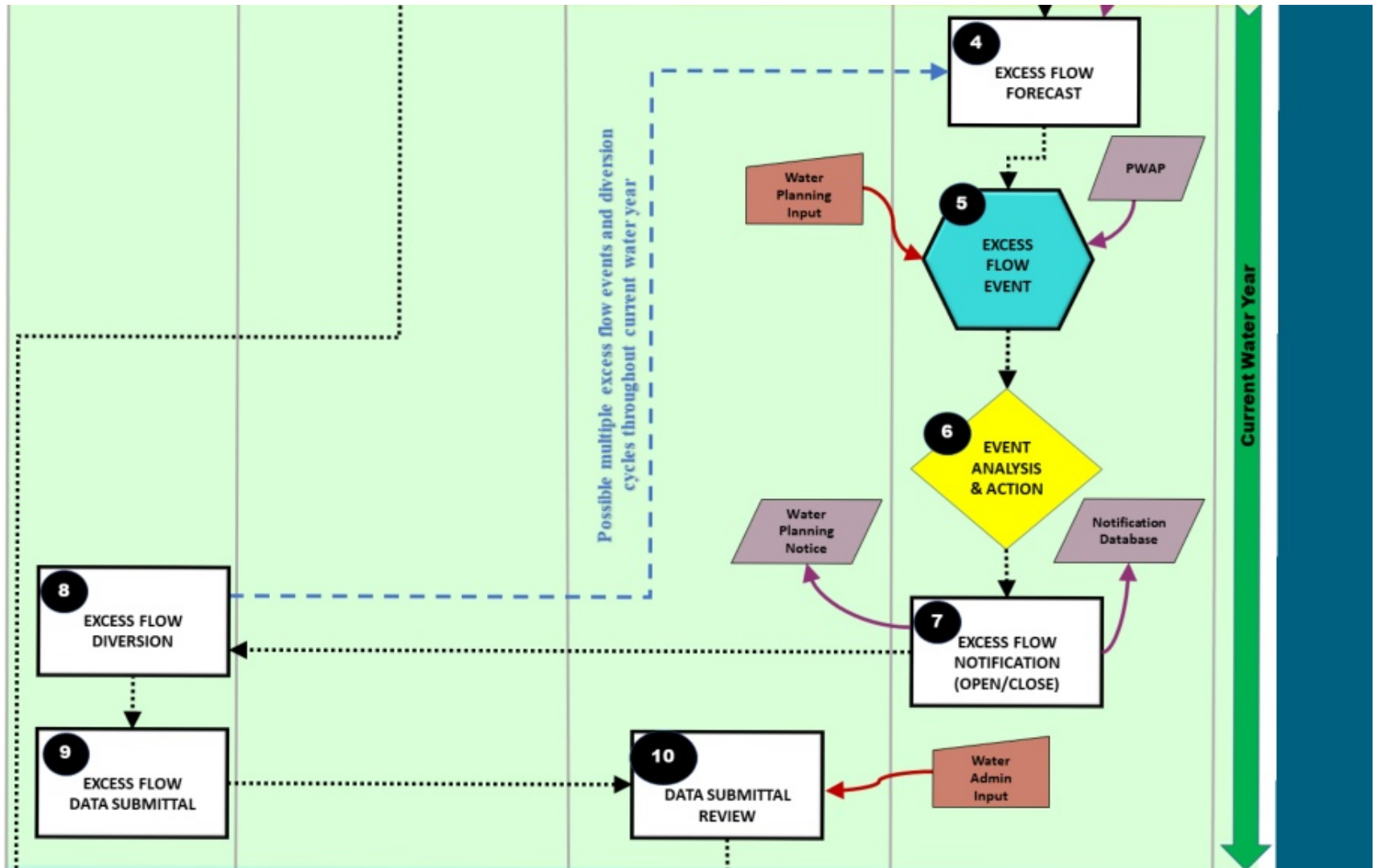


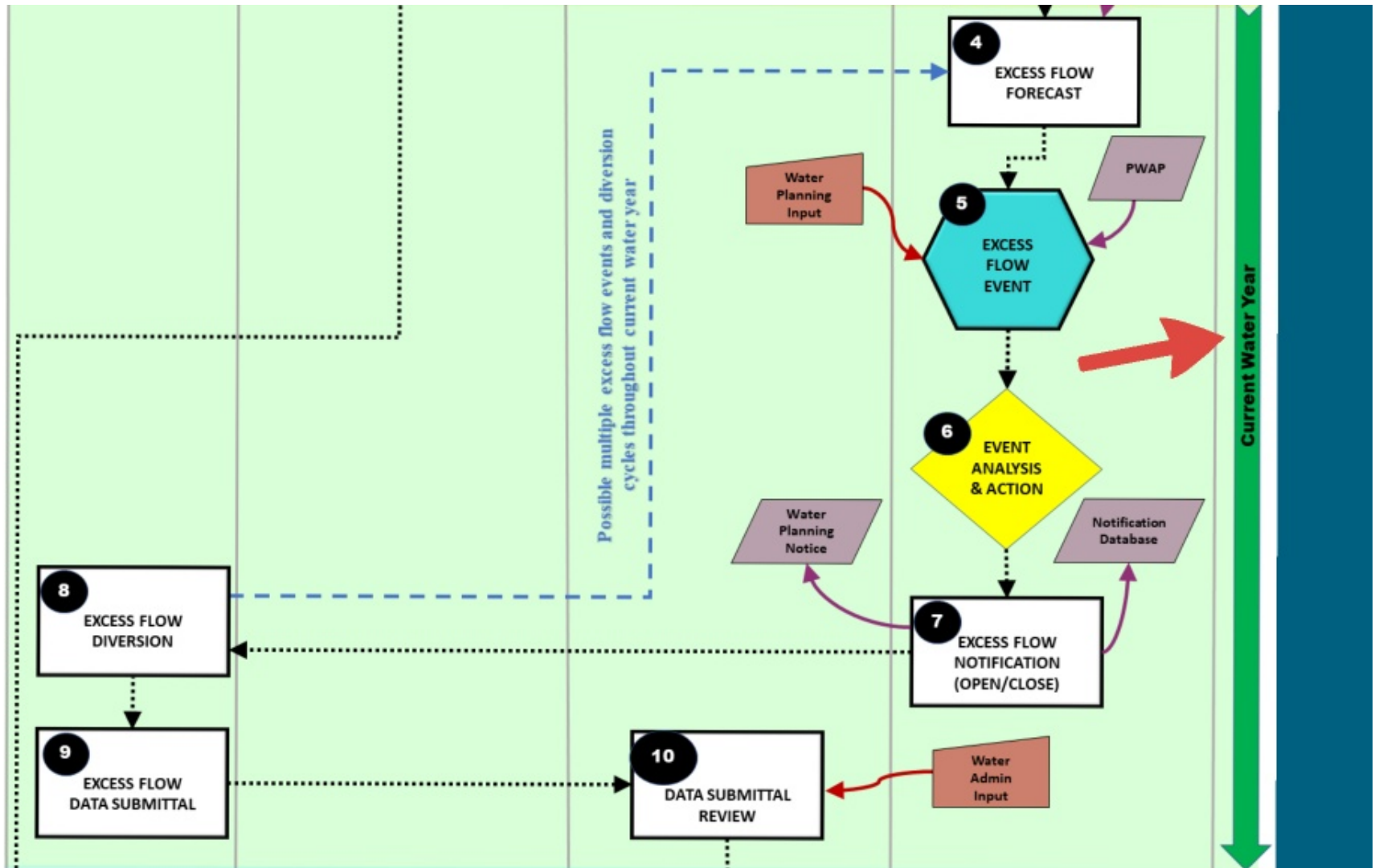


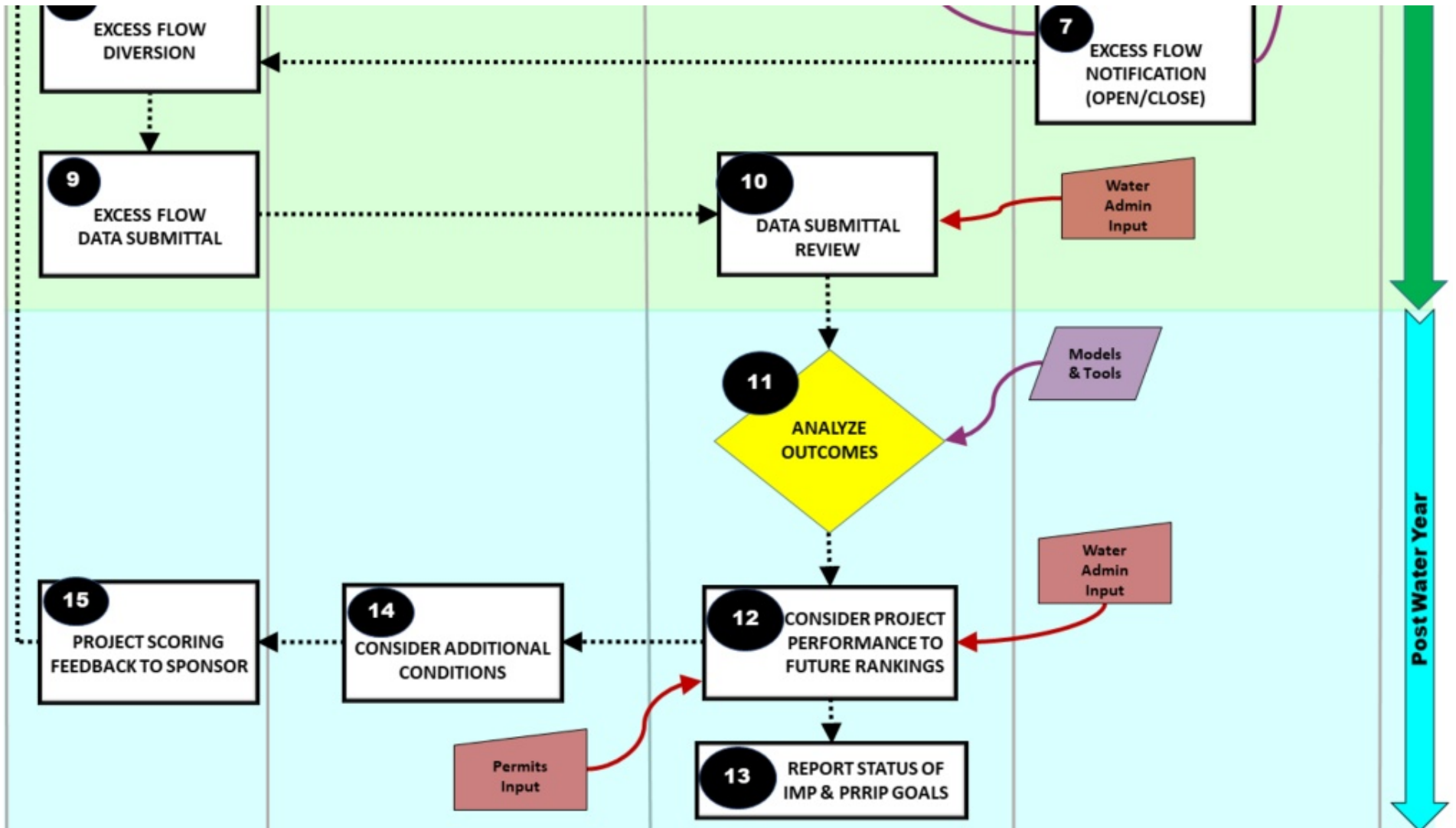


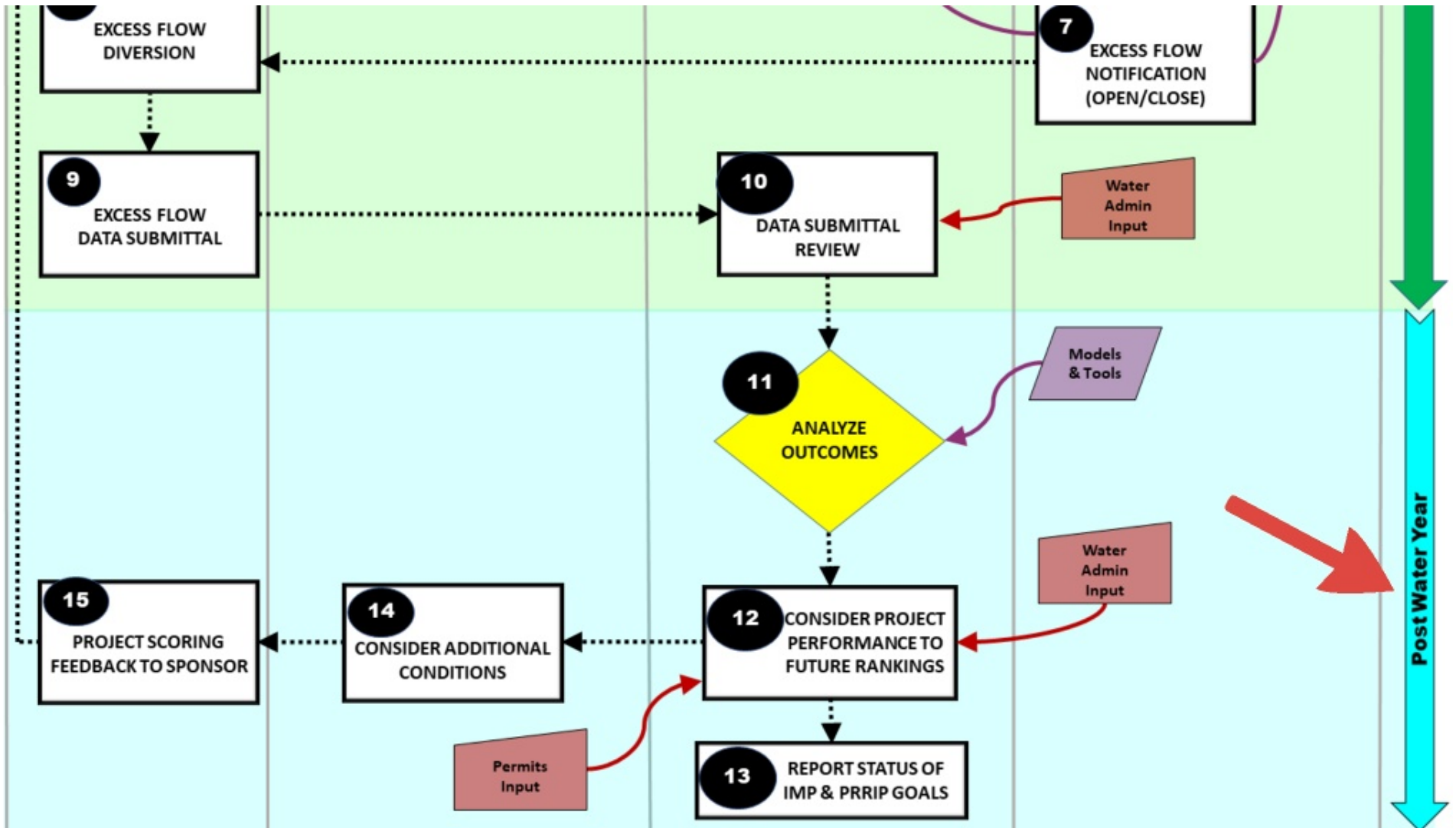






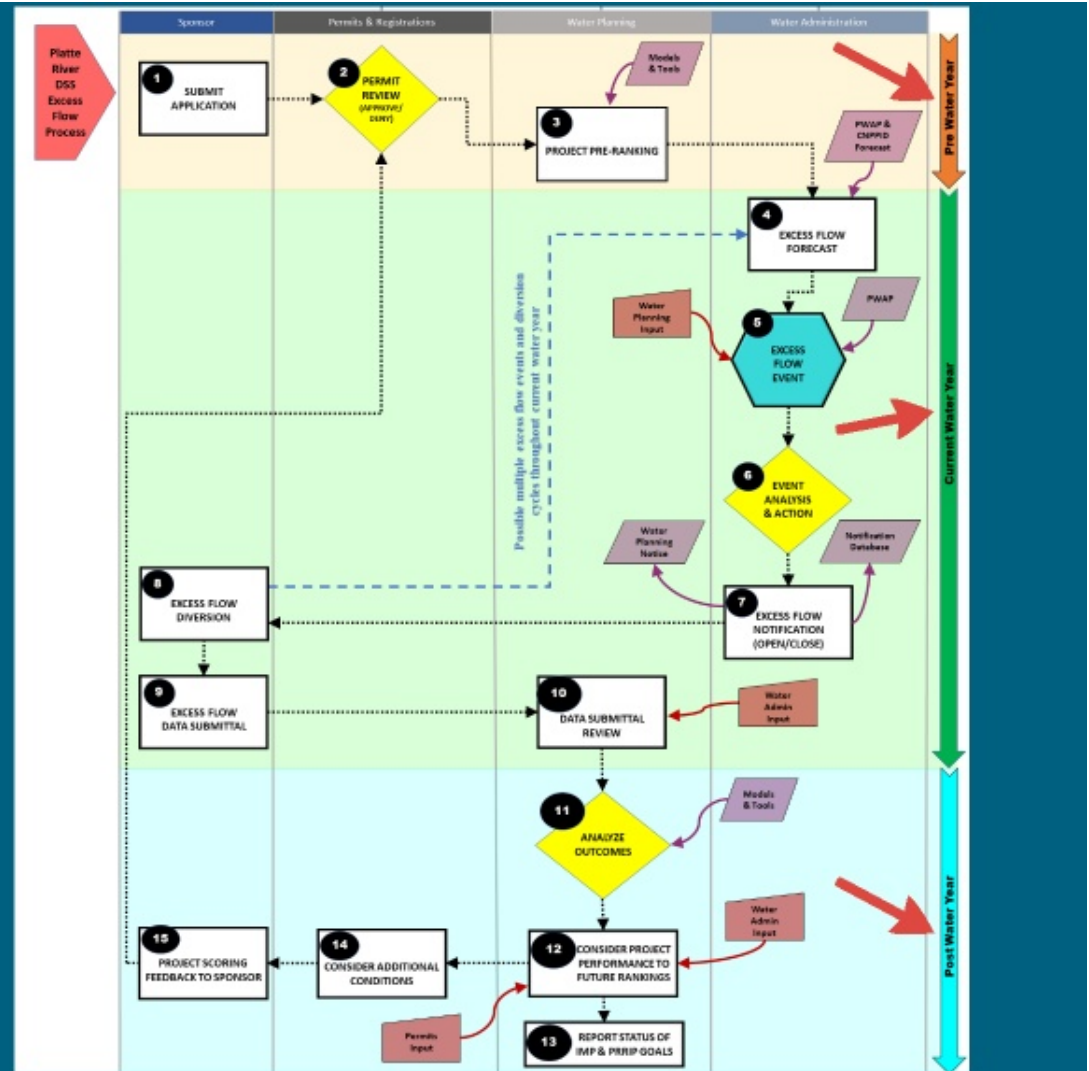






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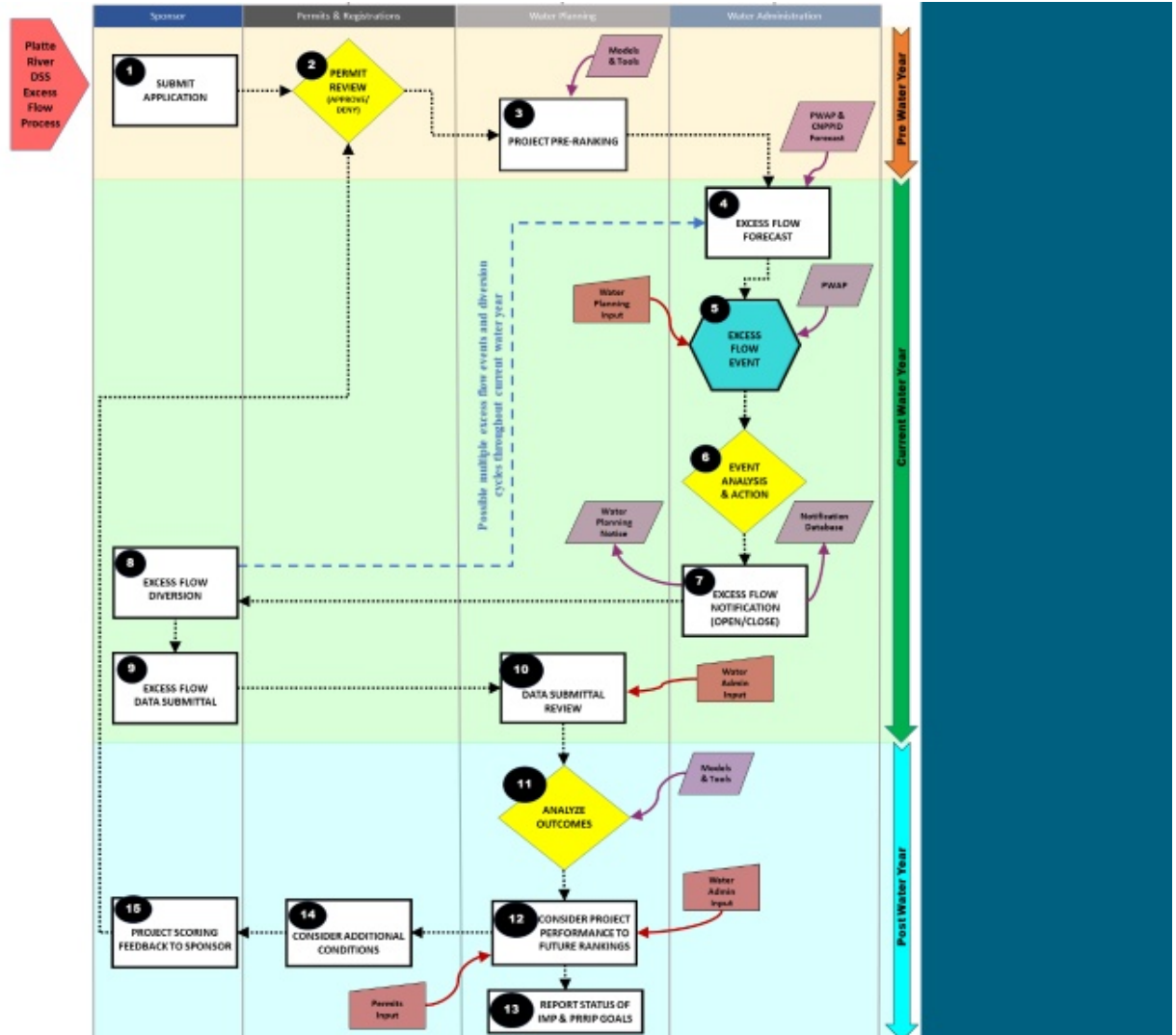


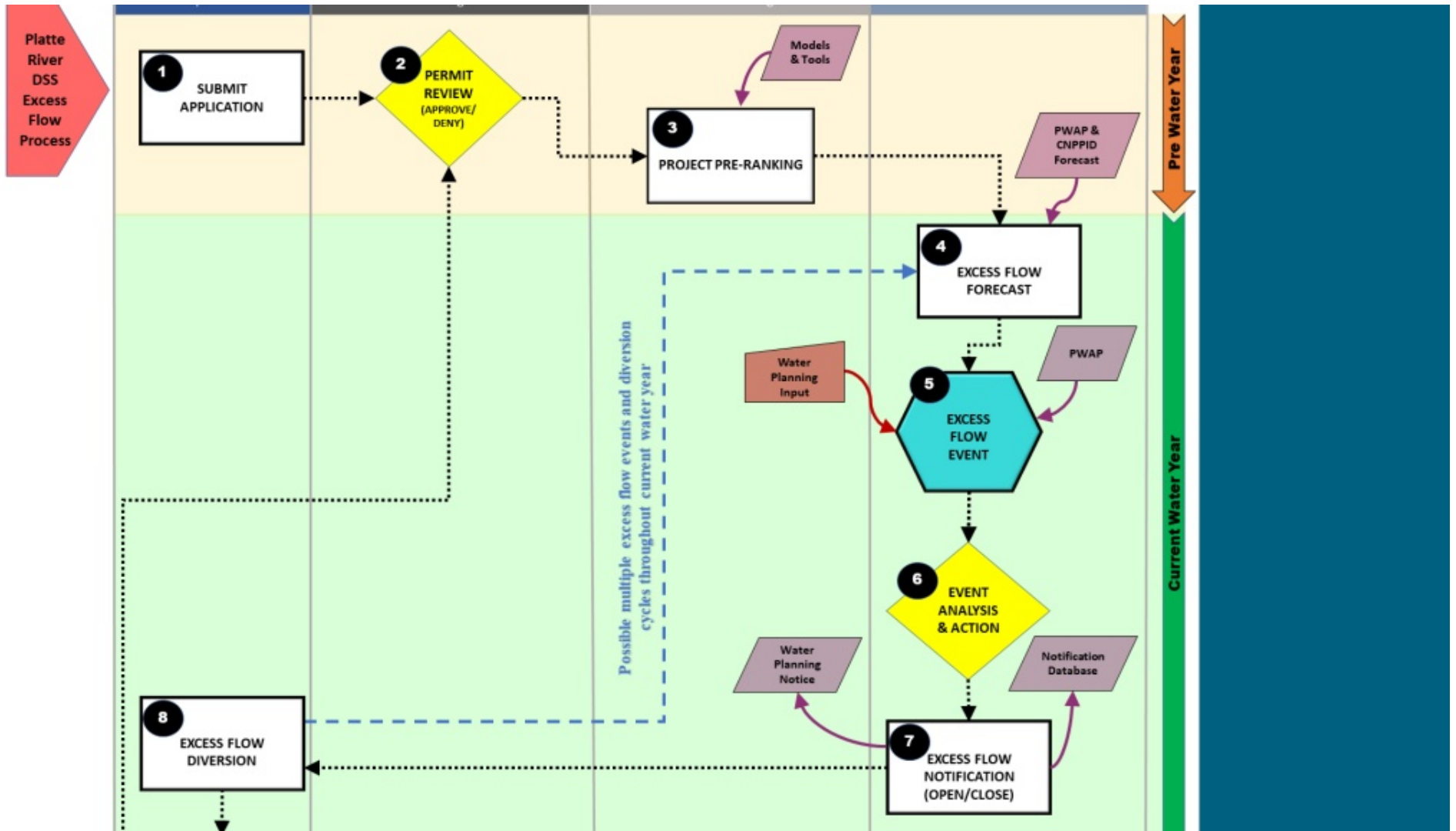


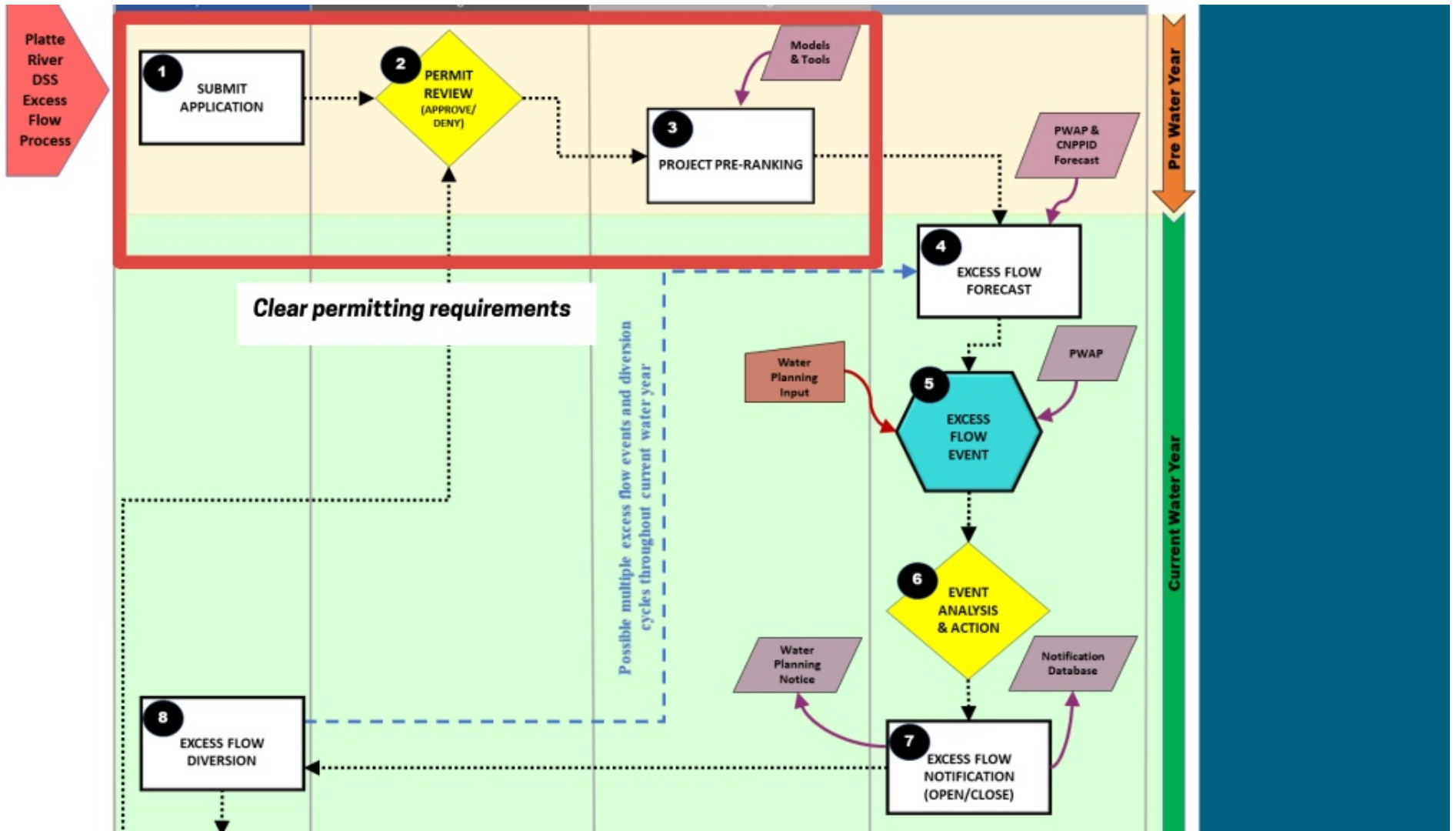
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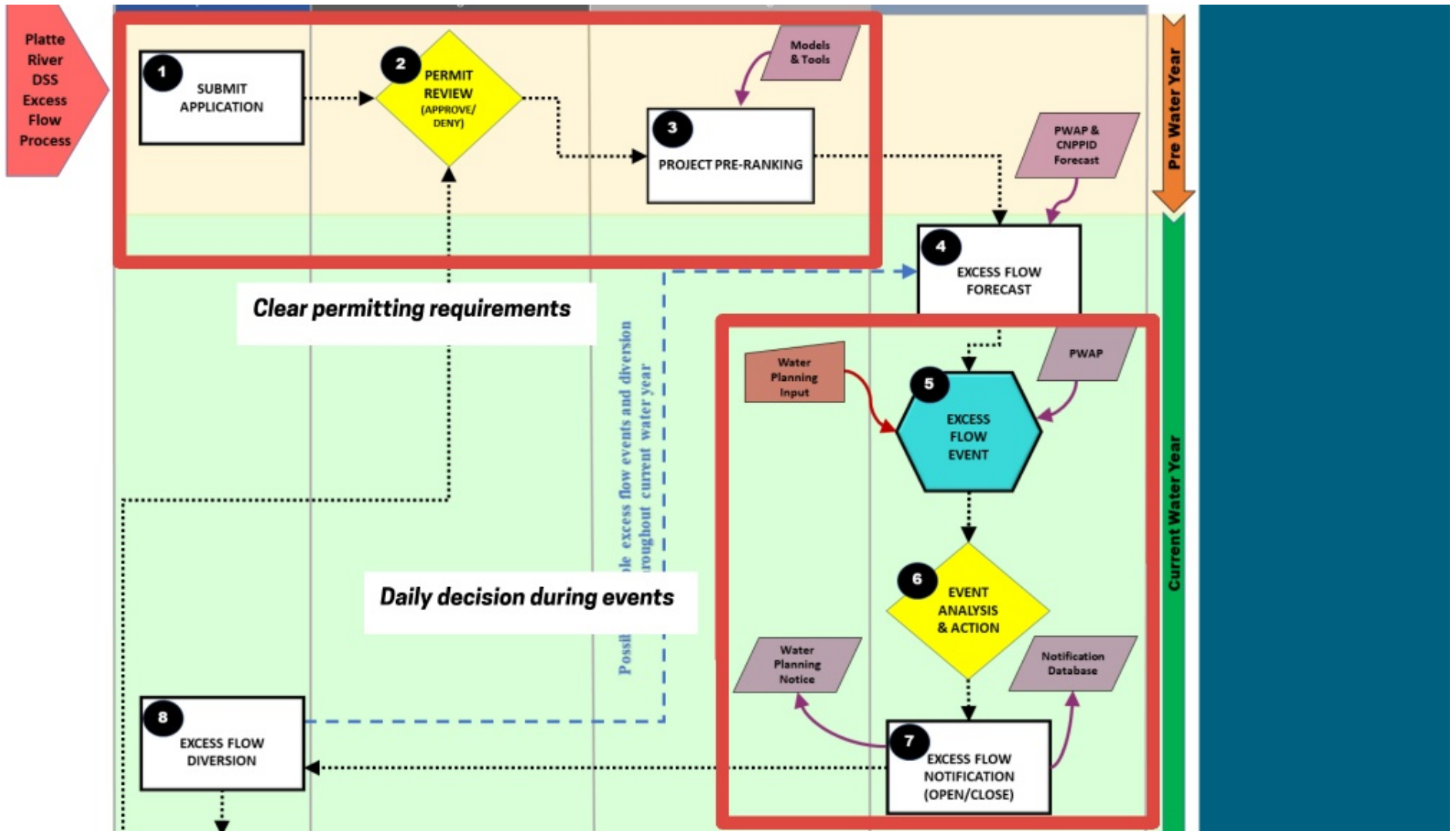
Key Strategy 1: Clear Permitting and Timely Administration

- Clear permitting requirements and expectations
- Administration decisions on a daily basis during an excess flow event







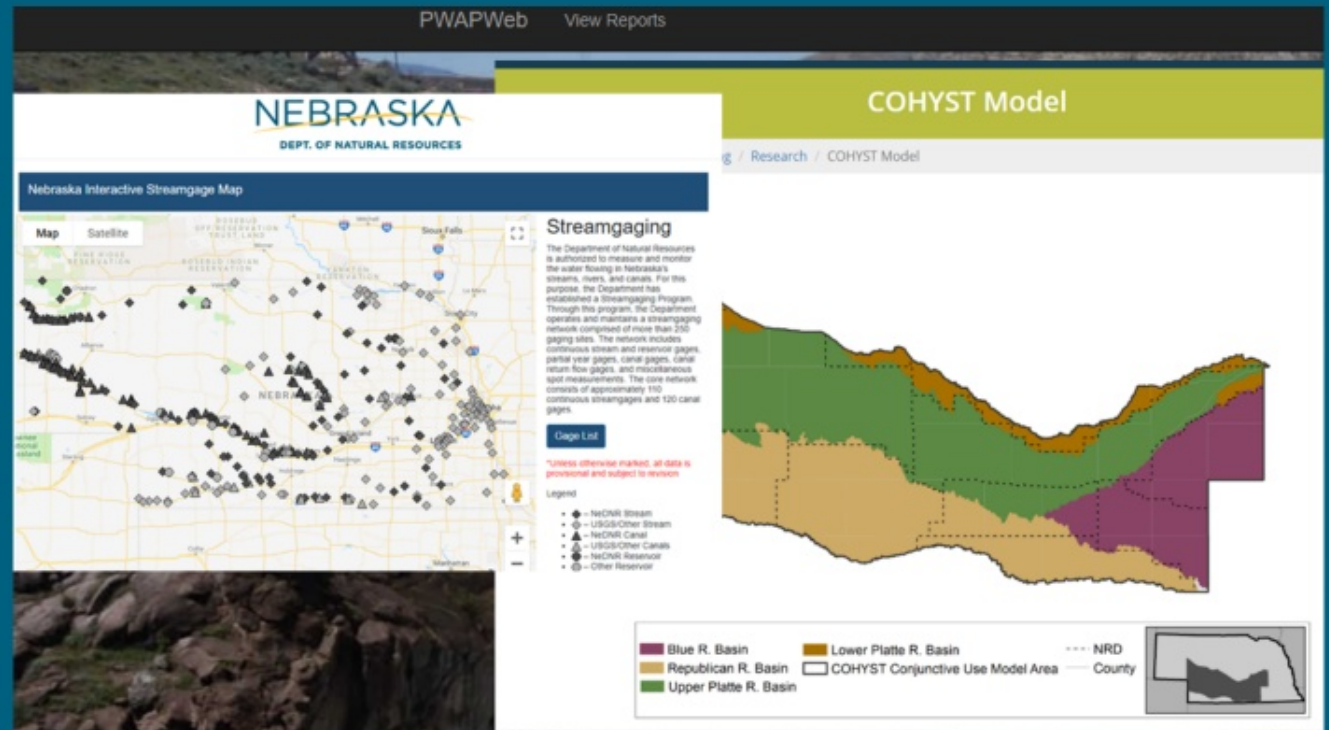


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**Key Strategy 2:
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- Efficiently connect multiple data sources through one platform
- Leverage existing data and models (no new models being developed)
- Fast access to key data at time of decision

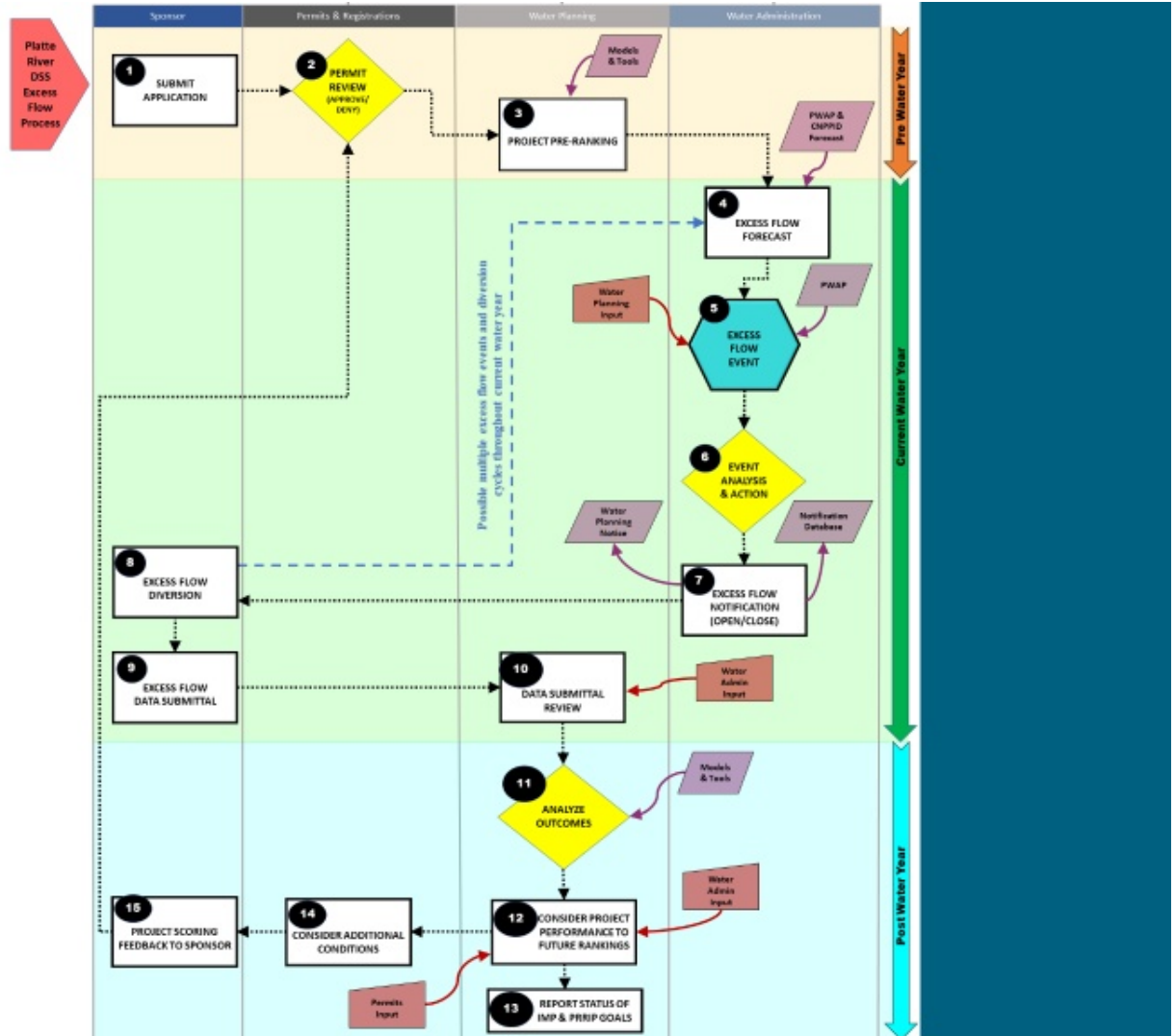


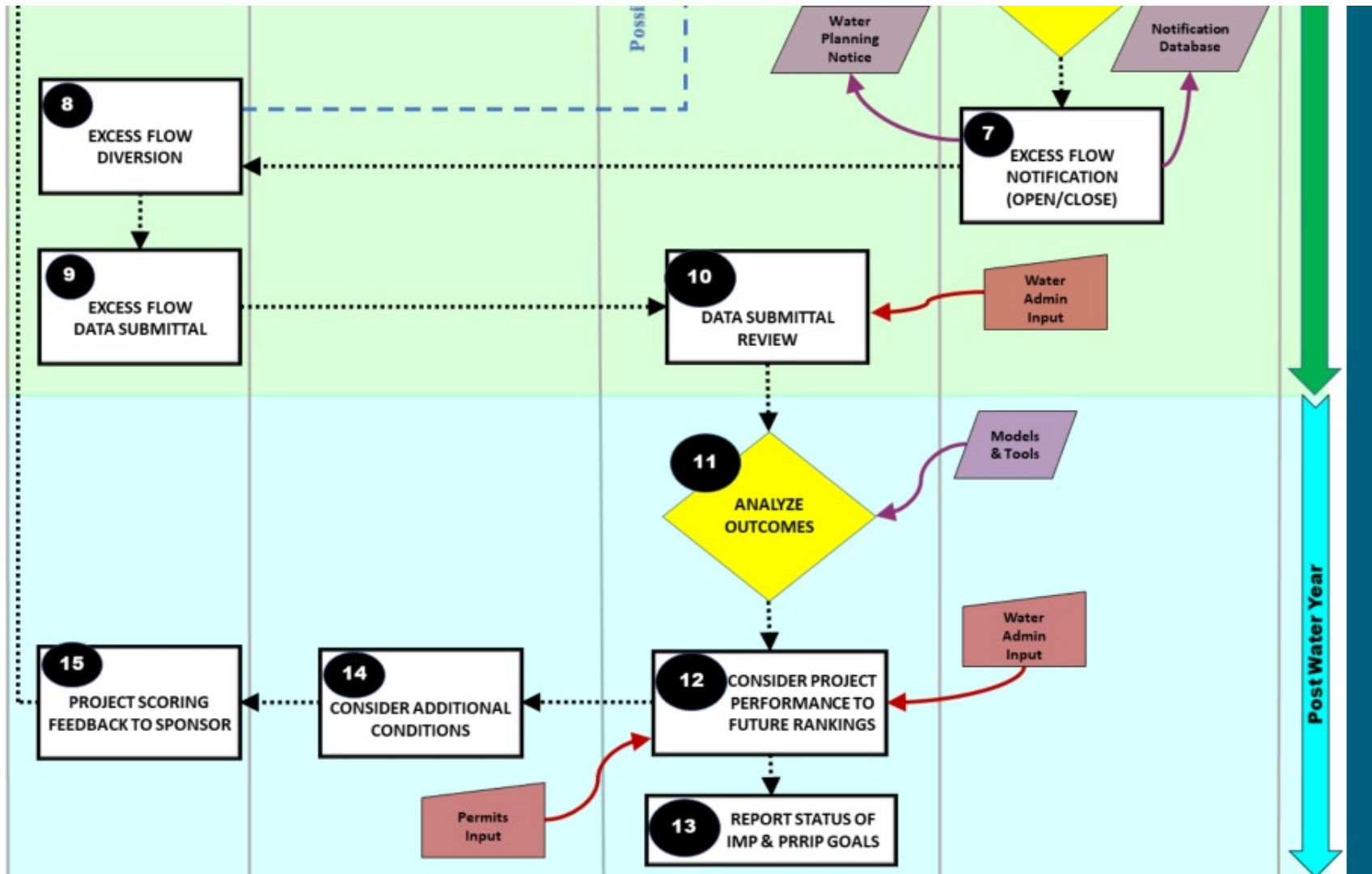
An aerial photograph of a wetland or marsh area, showing various shades of brown, tan, and blue. A large, semi-transparent teal circle is centered over the image. Inside this circle, there is a smaller, solid dark teal circle. The text "Key Strategy 3: Transparent Decision Process" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within the solid dark teal circle.

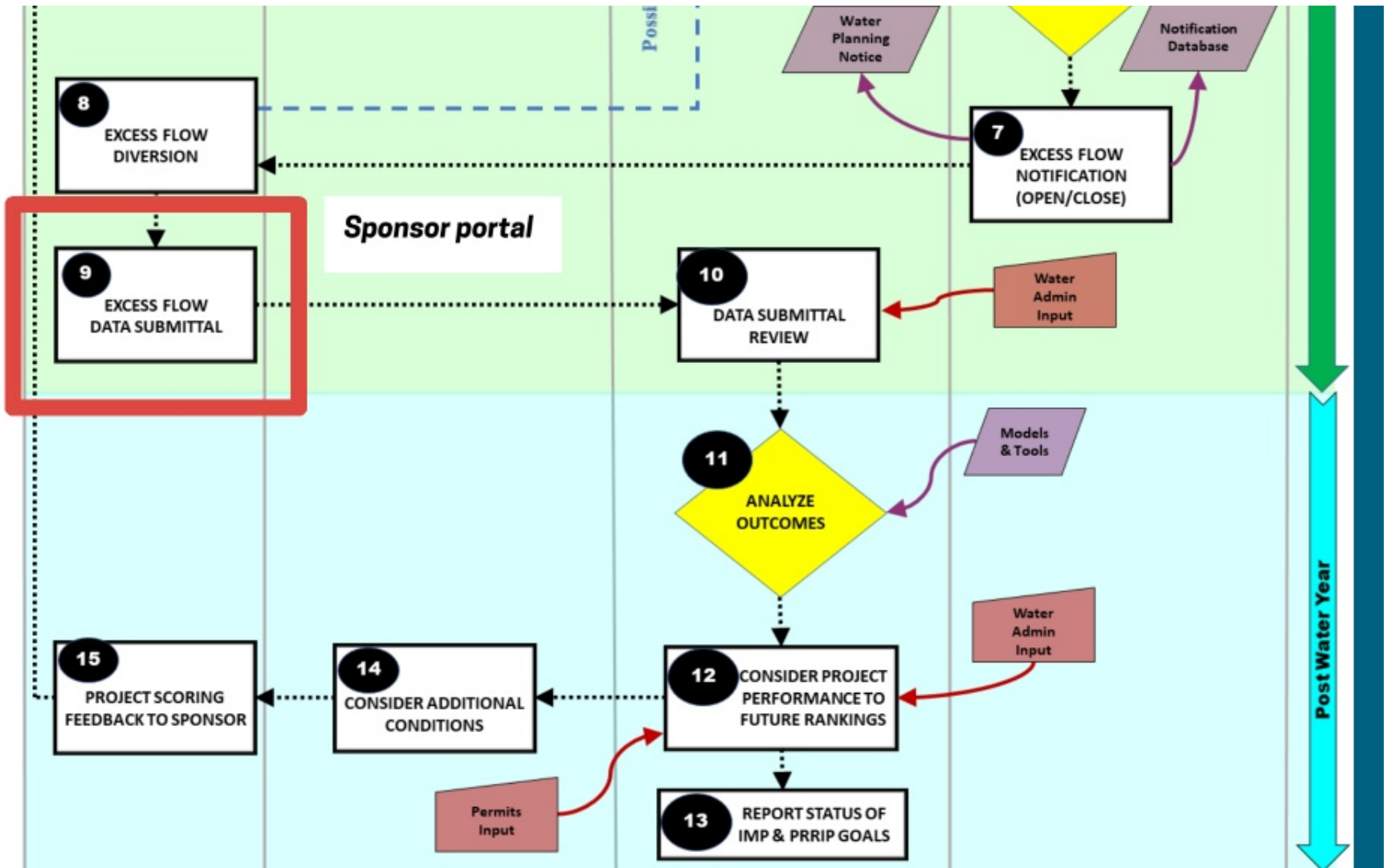
**Key Strategy 3:
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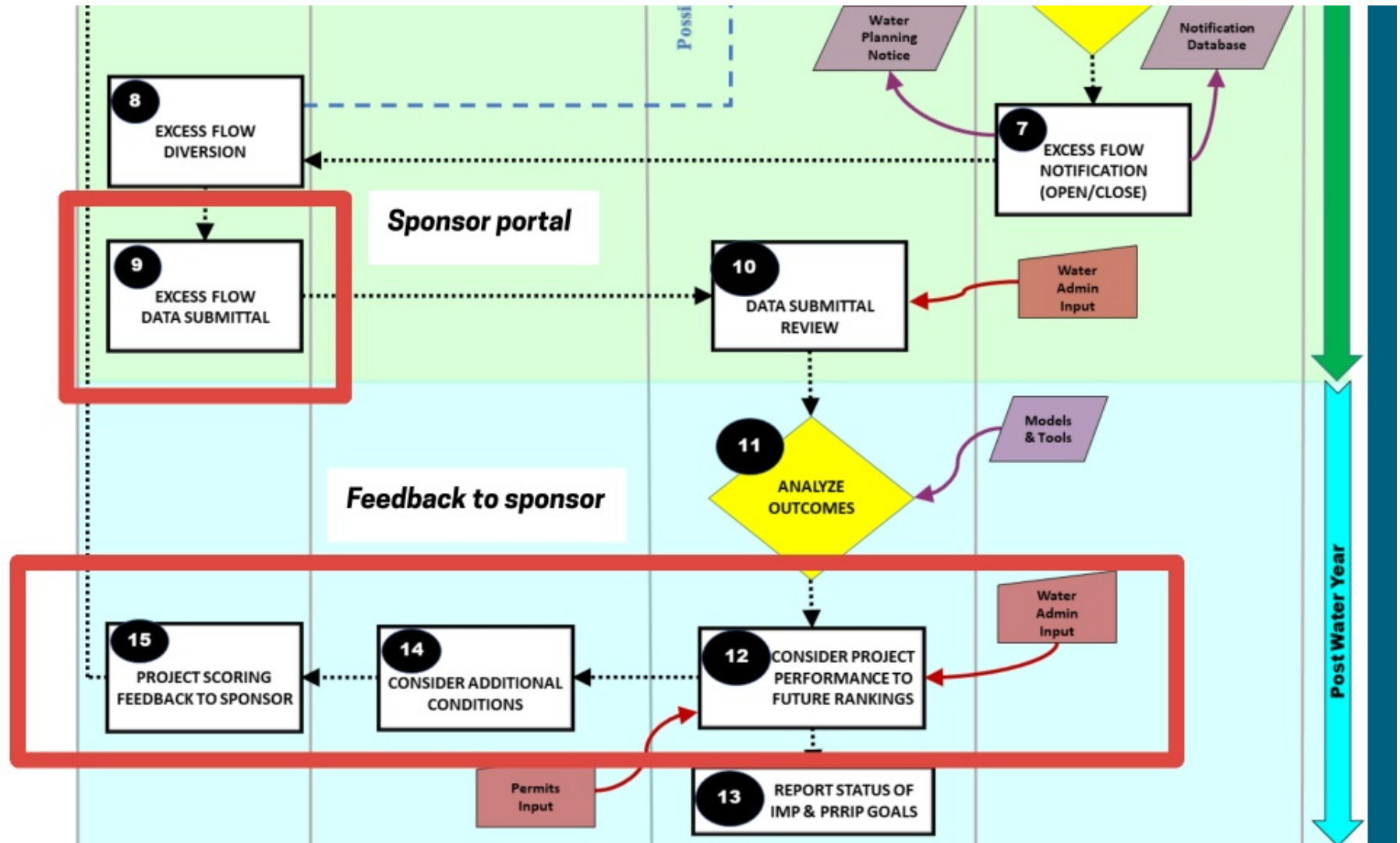
Key Strategy 3: Transparent Decision Process

- Create transparent guidelines for excess flow ranking
- Sponsor portals for permit applications and excess flow data submittal
- Feedback to sponsors on projects







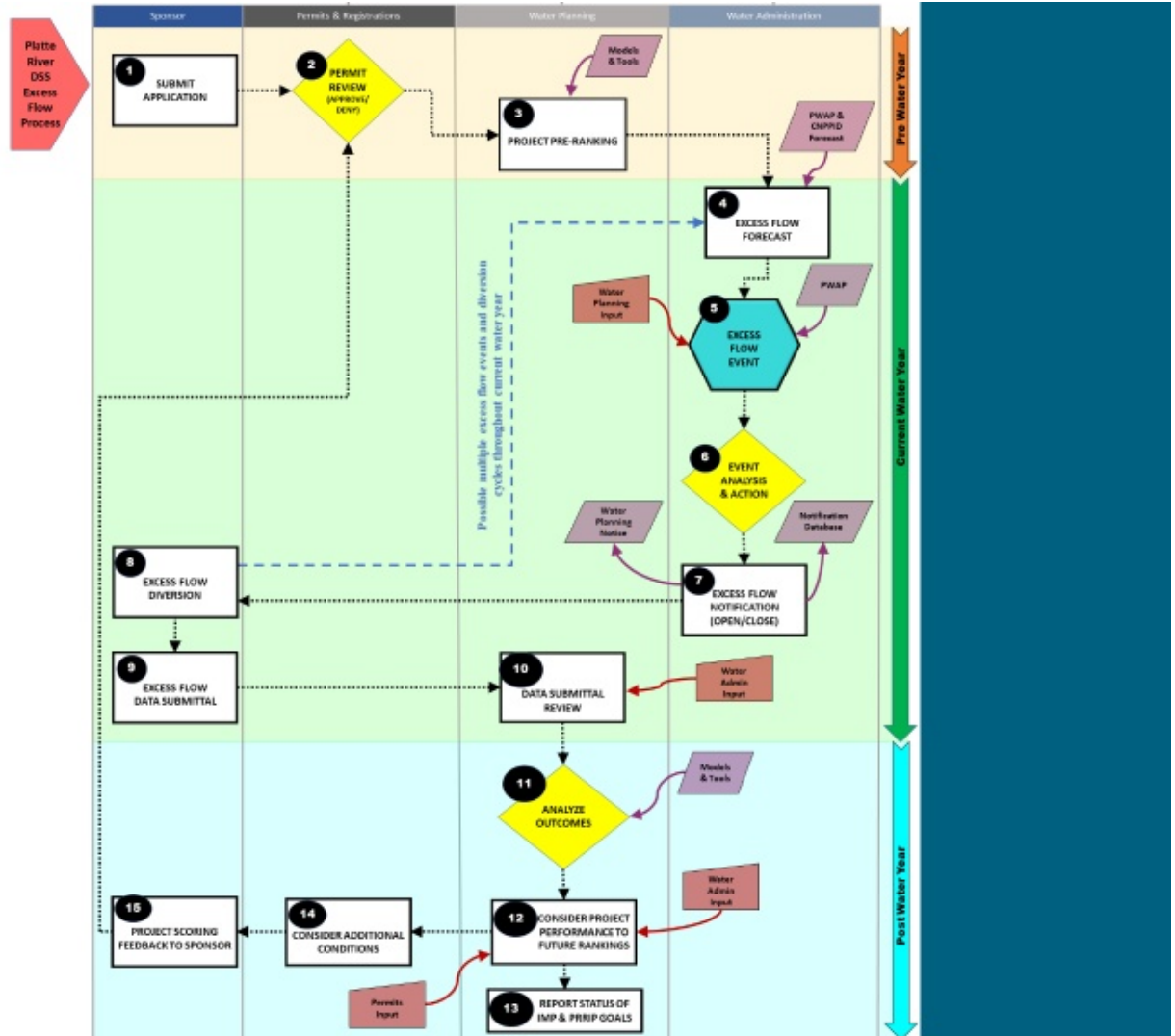


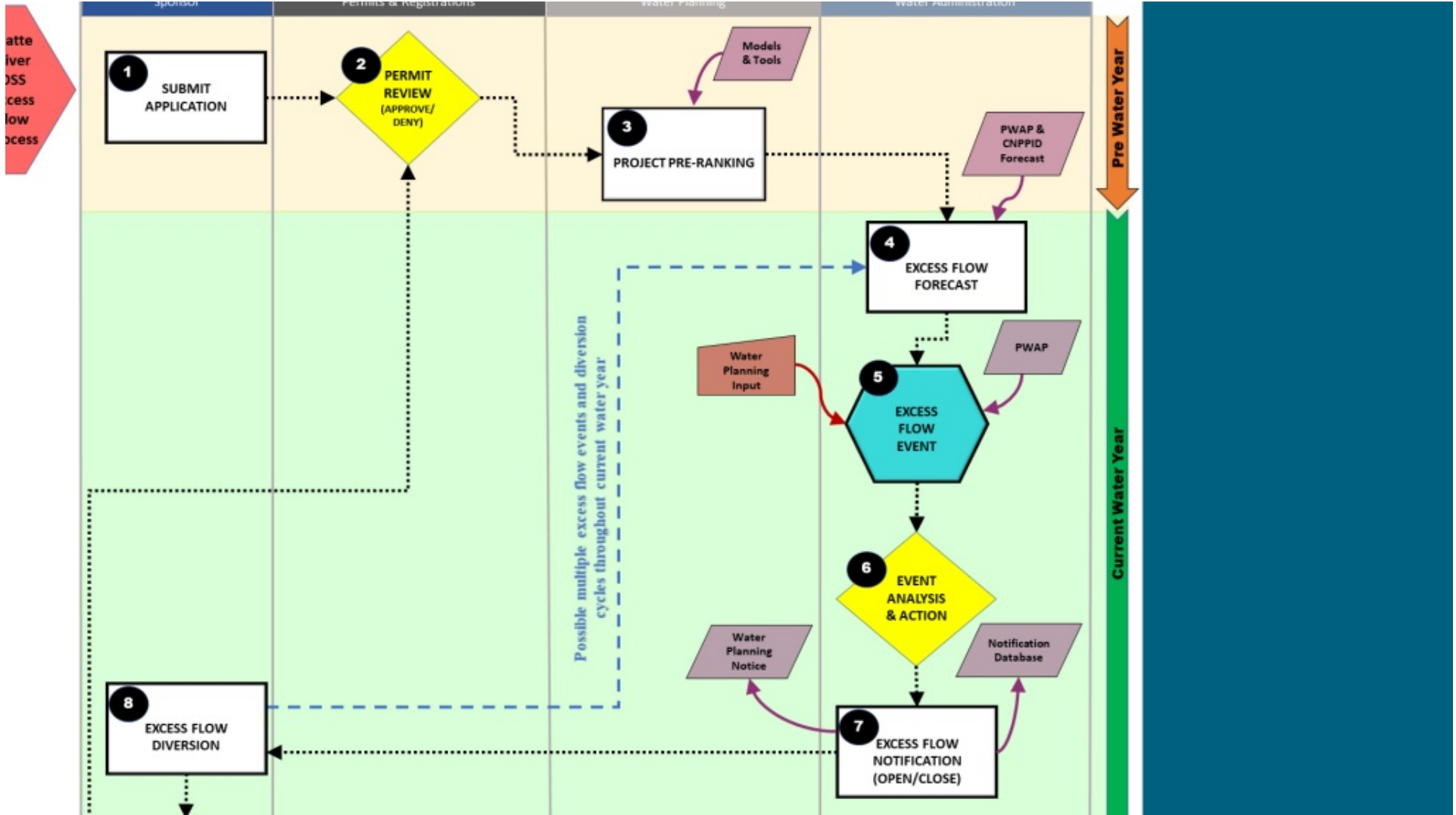


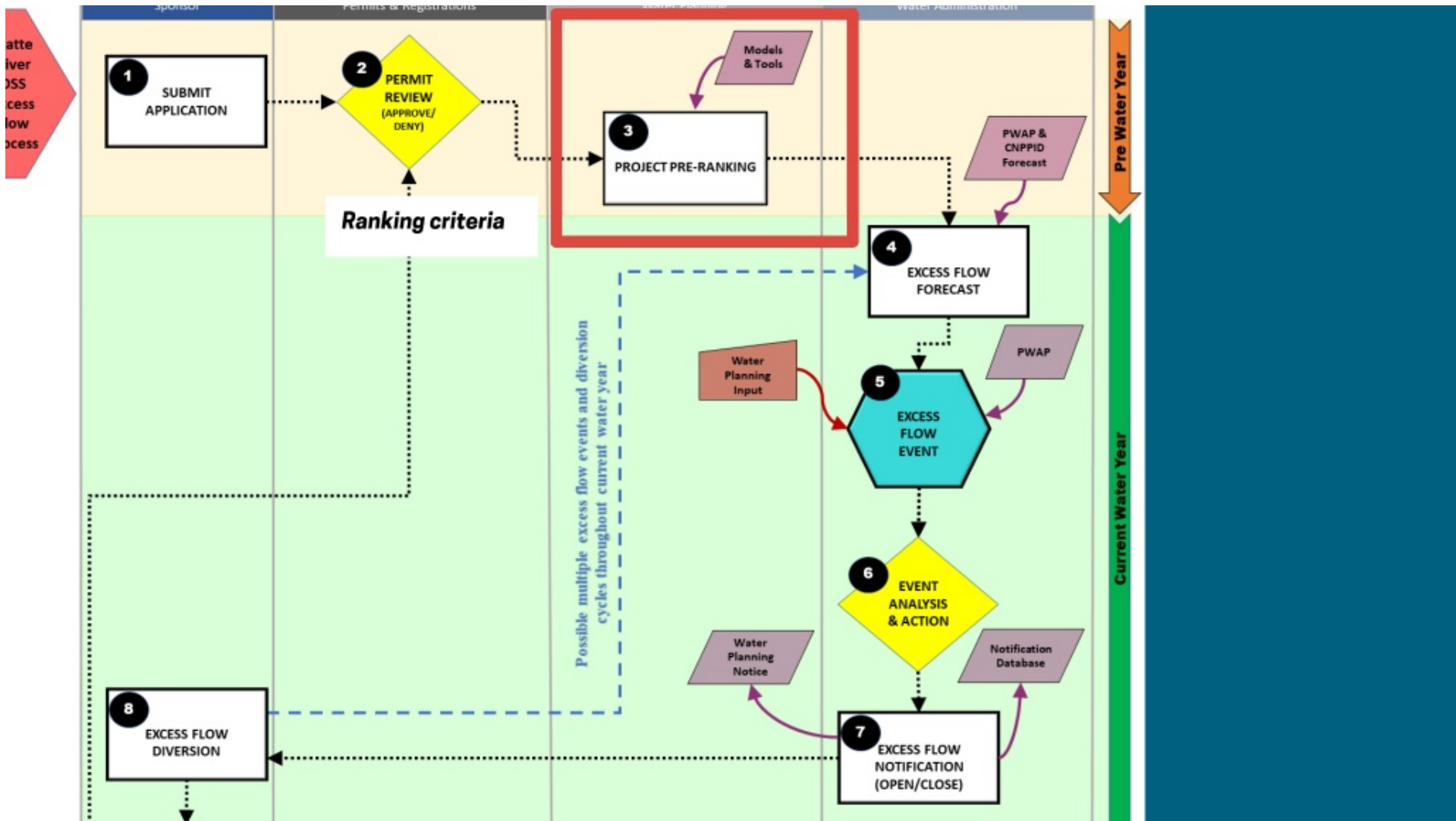
**Key Strategy 4:
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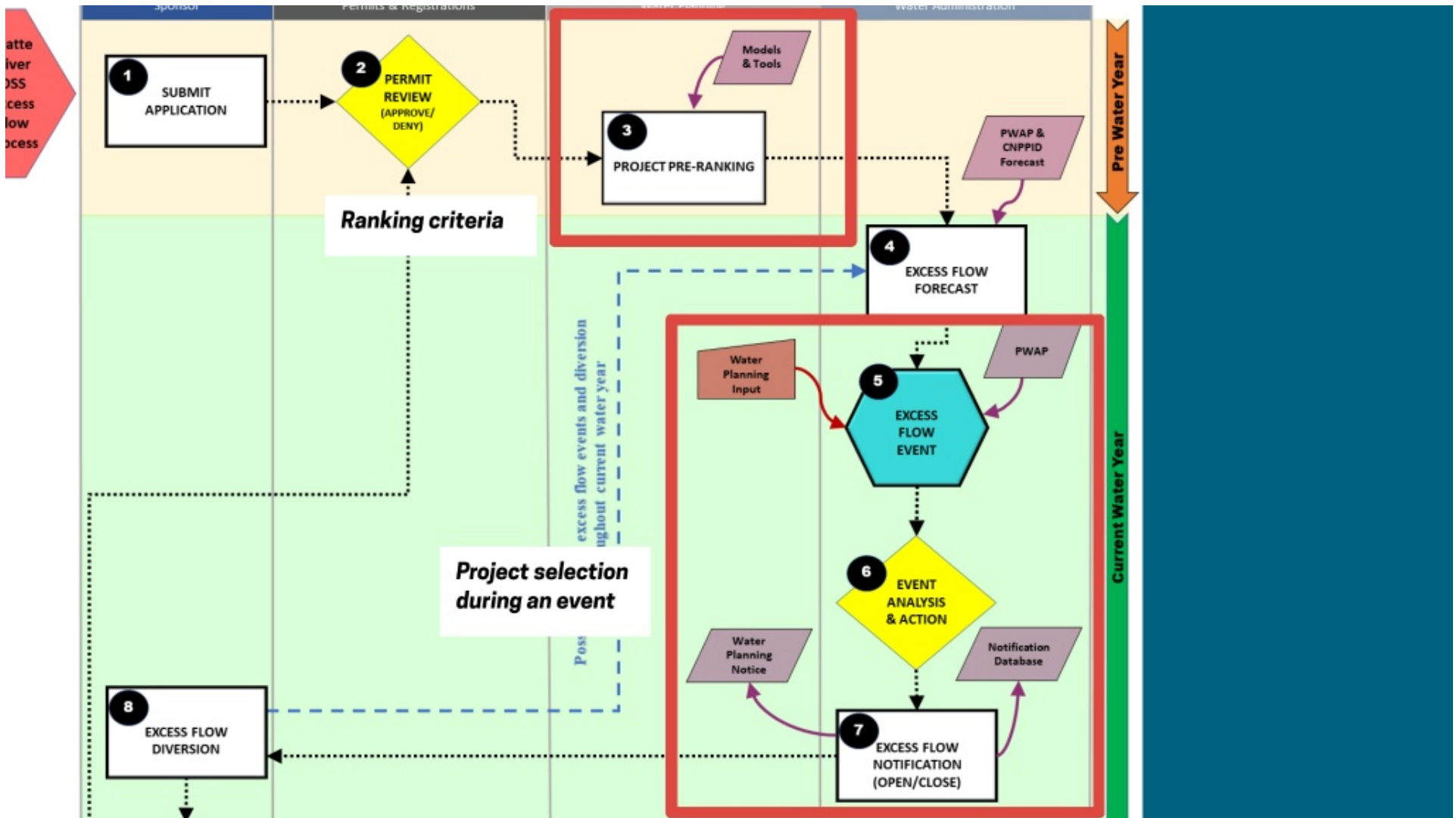
Key Strategy 4: Ranking & Project Selection

- Develop criteria to evaluate and pre-rank effectiveness of projects to meet goals
- Select projects and take action during an excess flow event







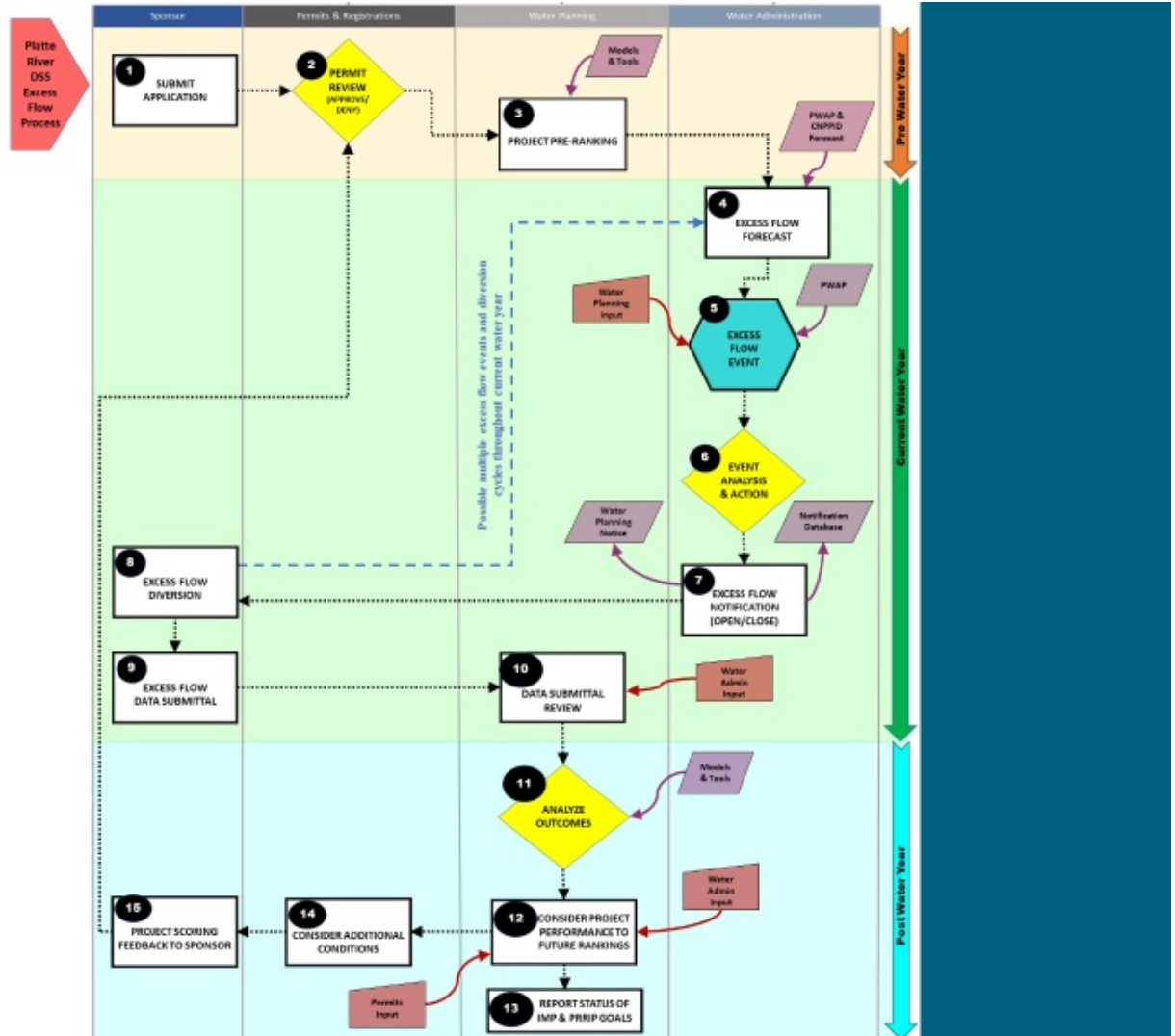


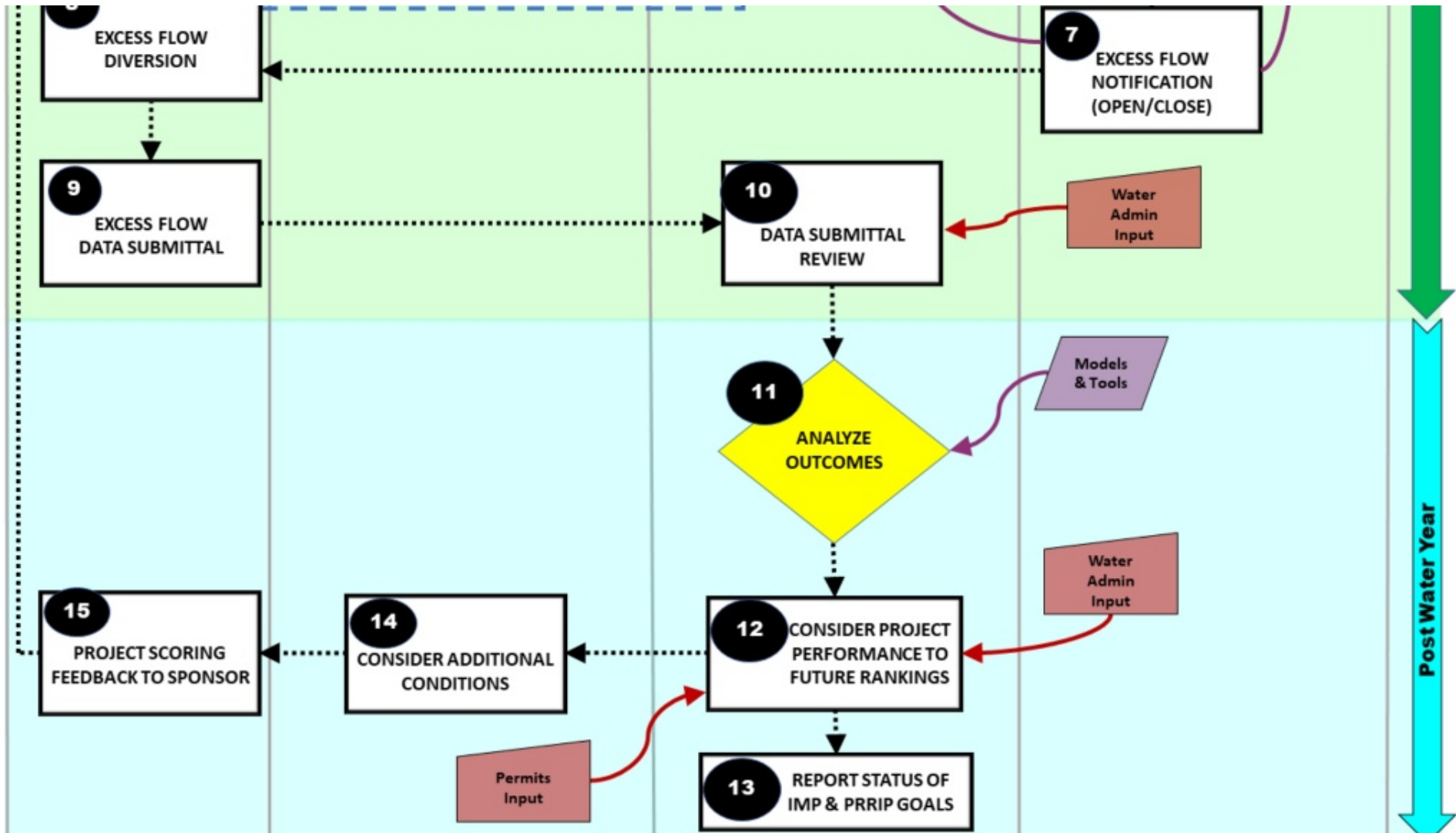
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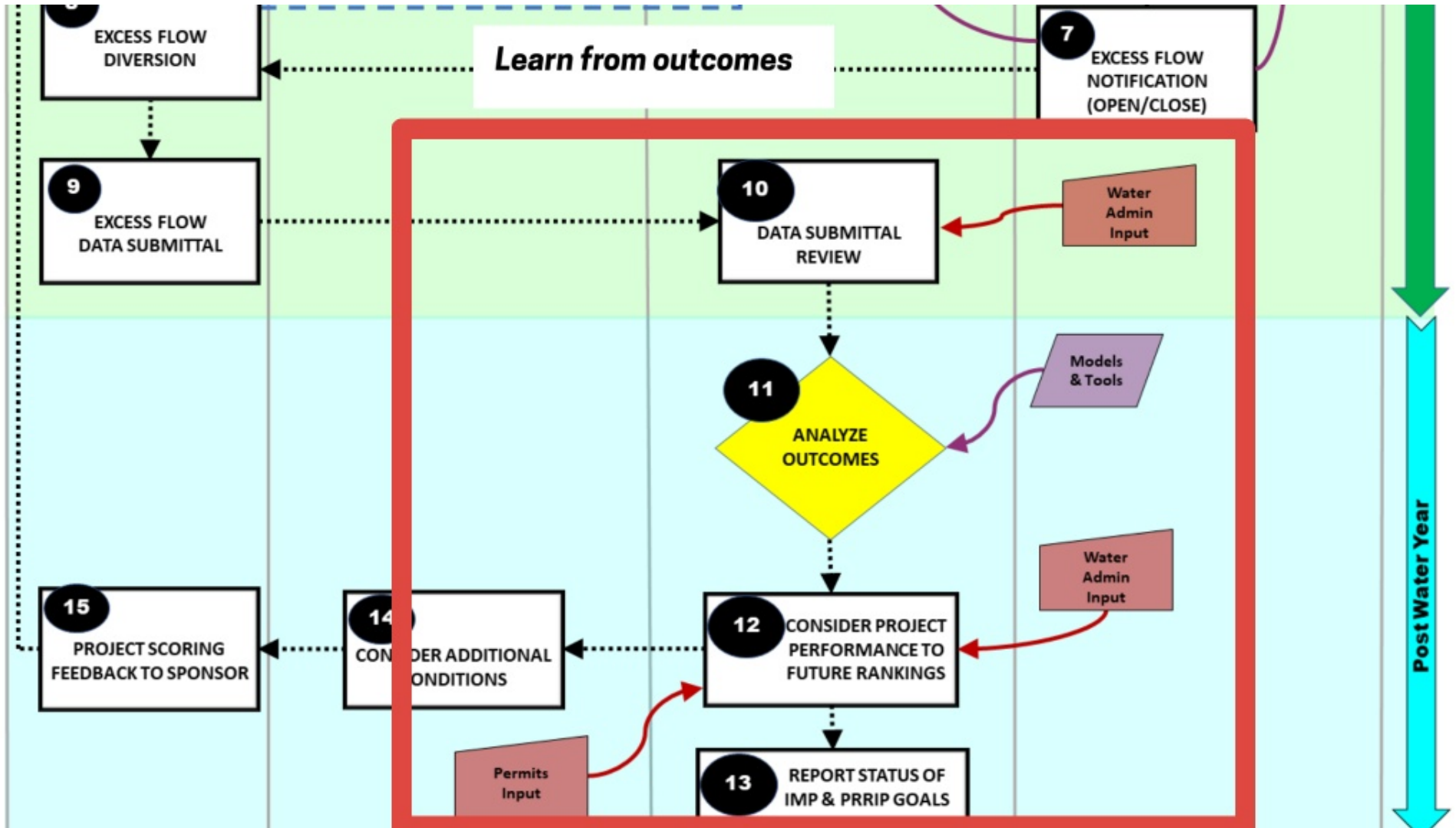
**Key Strategy 5:
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- Provide tracking and reporting of benefits achieved through excess flow diversion
- Use past performance of projects in future ranking



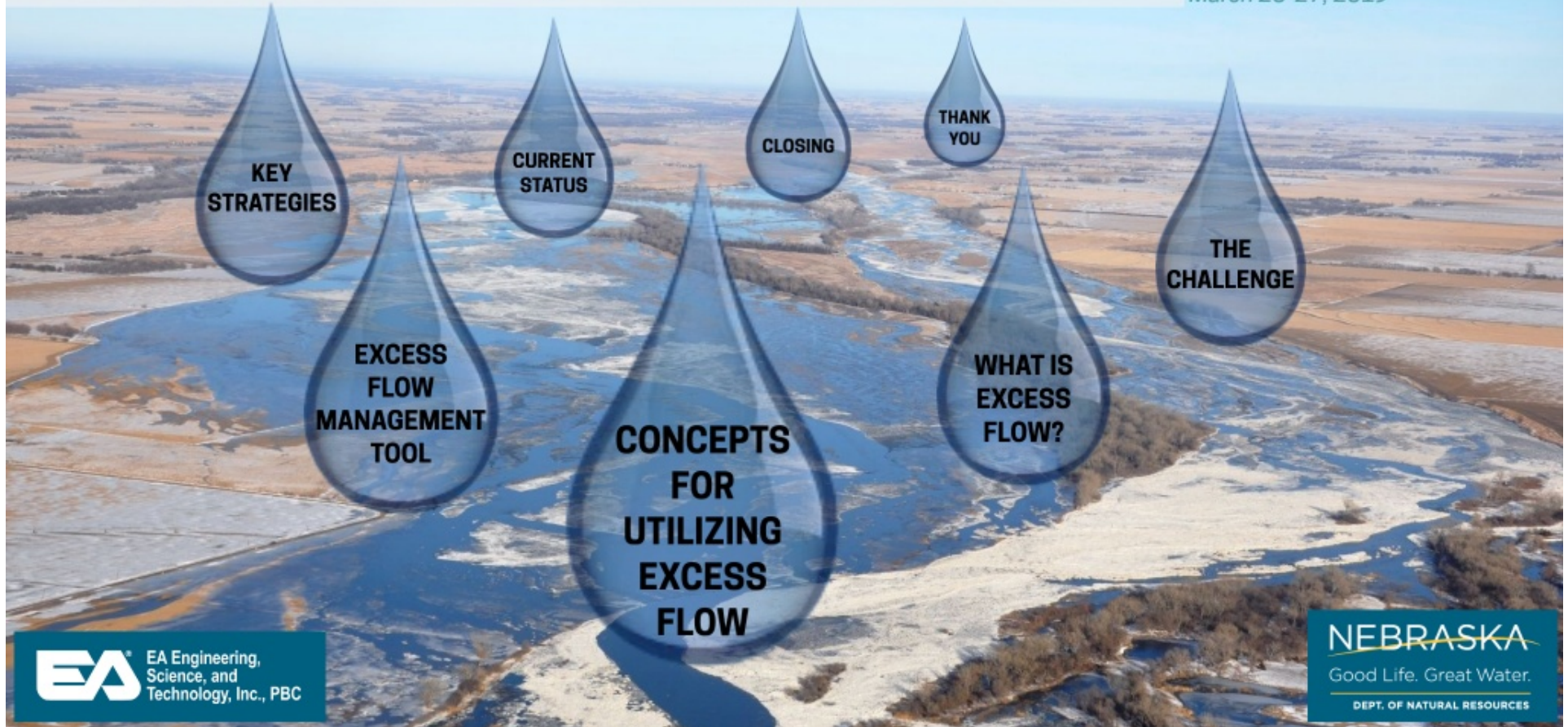




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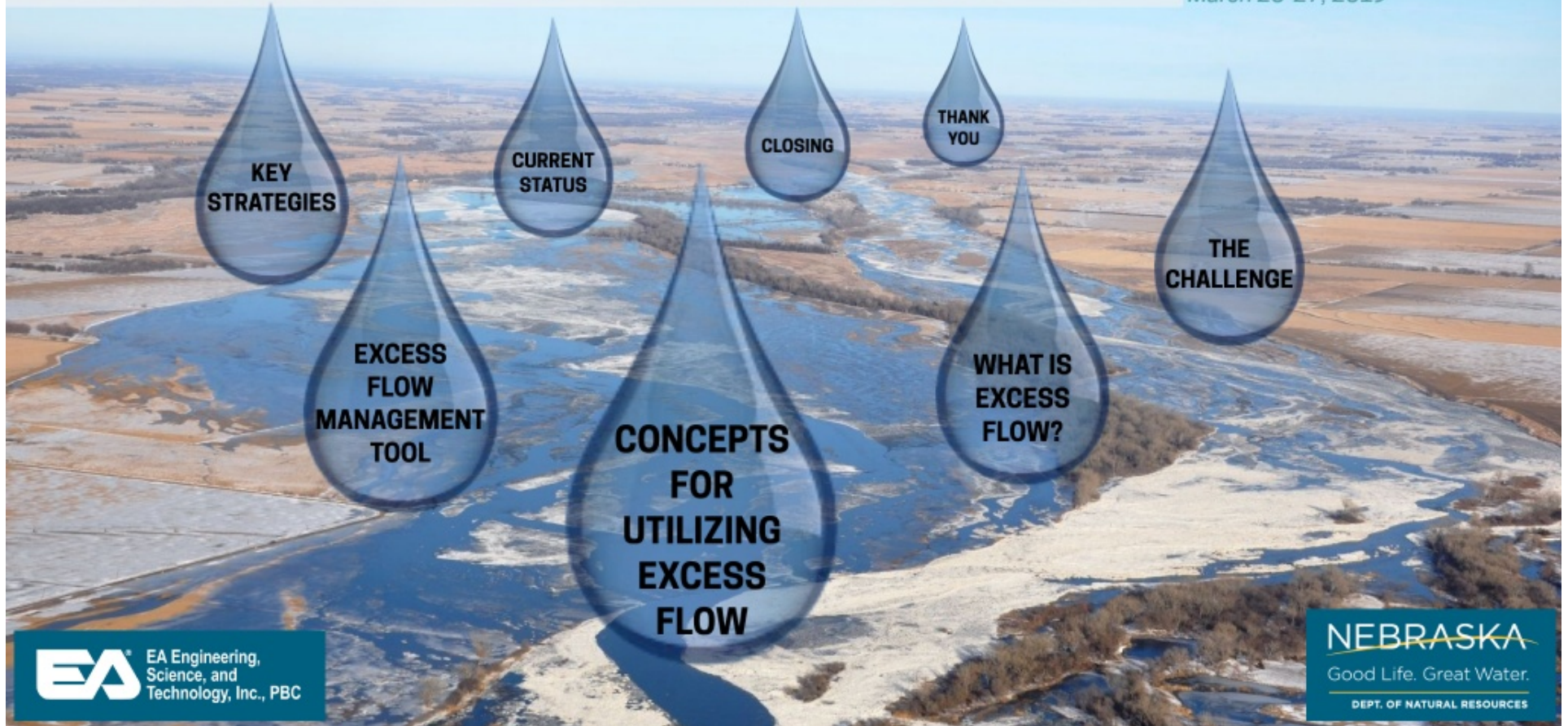
Current Status:

- *Phased approach to development*
- *Basic DSS platform to launch in late 2019*
- *Future phases will add and enhance features*
- *Platform expandability for future inclusion of other basins*
- *Utilizing Agile Development approach and Design Sprints*

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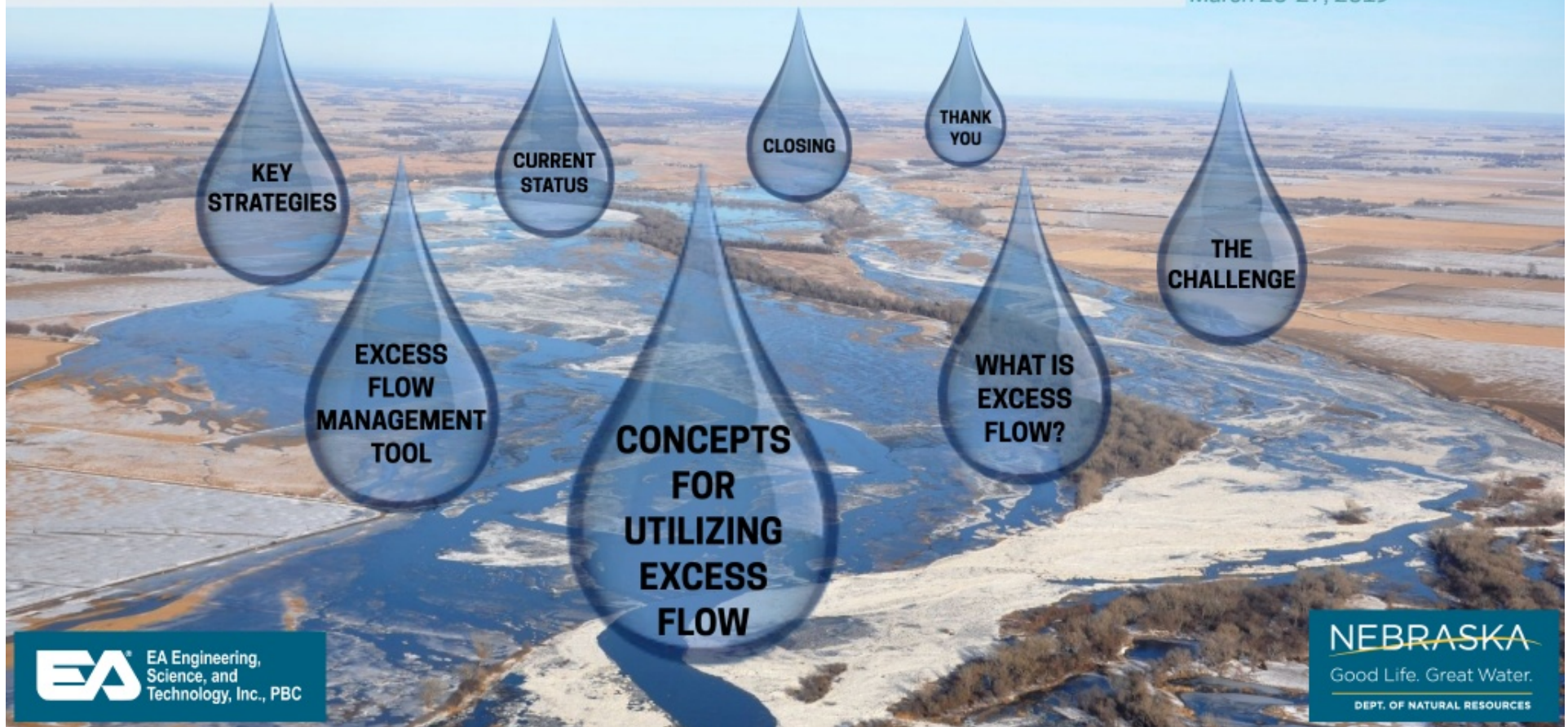
Concluding Points:

- *Recognize high demand for last drops of "excess" water*
- *Refinement was needed for determining what is "excess"*
- *Better tracking and reporting of events*
- *Transparency*

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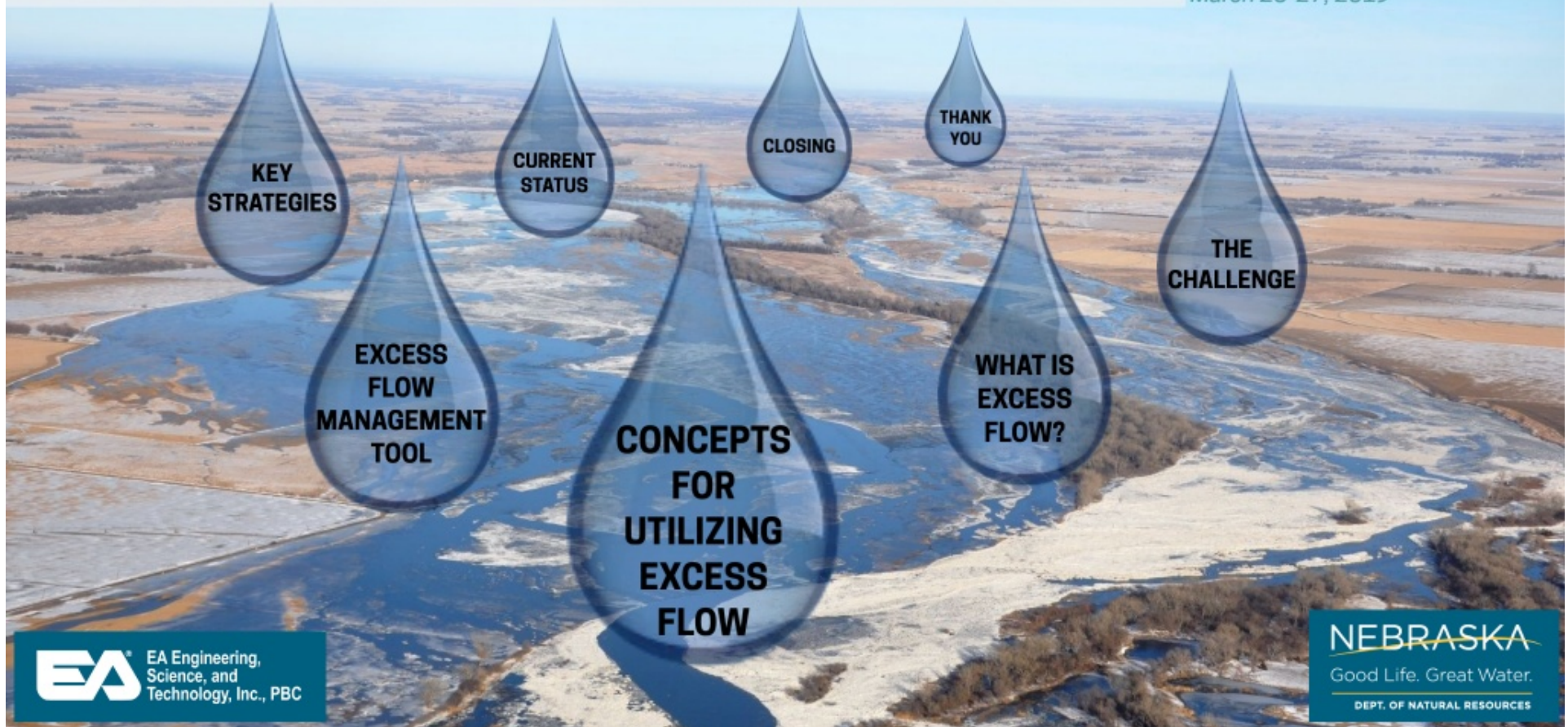
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