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Each agency agrees to listen and respond to input from the Dialogue, as follows:

- Most agency responses will occur during the discussions of the Dialogue.
- In some cases, it may be necessary for the agencies to take something under consideration for a few days and get back to the Dialogue with a response.
- In unique cases, the Dialogue may ask an Agency for a written response to their input. Agencies agree to provide a response within 5 business days.



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At the conclusion of the process, the Agencies will identify:

- Dialogue input that the agency agrees with and intends to implement;
- Dialogue input that can be incorporated with specific modifications;
- Dialogue input that cannot be implemented and why; and
- An overall summary of next steps and a timeline.



# Proposed Groundrules

- We will attack the issues, and model civility with each other.
- Honor the agenda (time, topic, and process), unless the full Dialogue group decides we need to pursue a different direction.
- Offer possible solutions when identifying problems.
- Dialogue participants will engage in Dialogue discussions as individuals, not as formal representatives of their agencies or organizations.





# Proposed Groundrules

- Dialogue participants are welcome to speak with the media on their own behalf, but should refrain from characterizing other individuals' views or positions. Please keep in mind that we are working to develop collaborative solutions and public statements can have a significant impact on the Dialogue's ability to move forward productively.



# Proposed Groundrules

- Avoid surprising the other Dialogue participants with major events or activities. In general, this means informing the full Dialogue 24 hours in advance of planned activities such as major changes in policy, law suits, media releases, protests, etc. Notification should include enough information so that other Dialogue members can provide valuable input on your proposed actions. For example, if you plan to issue a policy or write a letter to the editor, provide the actual content to the full Dialogue 24 hours in advance so that others can provide input. The initiator can choose whether to accept or ignore the input.