APRA GOALS OVERVIEW

Drive Phase areas for further planning and study

Goal 1: Retain and attract working families and young adults to permanently live and raise families in Wyoming with focused efforts to improve availability of: appropriate/desired jobs and careers; appropriate training/education; stable, quality child care; housing; necessary services; and desired recreation and leisure activities.

Goal 2: Strengthen Wyoming's economy and revenue streams by 1) activating new economic sectors and creating new jobs; 2) identifying ways to add value to Wyoming's current businesses and core industries, including expanding the energy, agriculture, and tourism sectors with new growth in carbon capture, hydrogen, rare earth minerals, agriculture technology, tourism-driven manufacturing, technology, and workforce recruitment; and 3) designing and deploying targeted programs, services and/or investment tools to empower businesses to thrive through rapidly shifting economic and market conditions.

Goal 3: Create better alignment among workforce, economic development, and educational opportunities to achieve balance between available workforce and available employment opportunities; and support opportunities to upskill and/or retrain Wyoming workers so they will remain in the state.

Goal 4: Connect Wyoming for the future by strategically using federal funds for *Connect Wyoming*, a program administered by the Wyoming Business Council to improve access to and meet the increased need for reliable high-speed internet service.

Goal 5: Encourage the work of the Governor's Health Care Task force in ascertaining the most significant problems Wyoming citizens, especially children, adolescents, and the elderly, face with access to health care, mental health care, and substance abuse treatment services and support the recommendations of the Health Care Task Force with regard to the best solutions.

Goal 6: Expand outdoor recreation and enhance wildlife populations.

Goal 7: Promote and enhance Wyoming food supply, distribution, and markets.

Goal 8: Identify and complete necessary and beneficial infrastructure projects.

Goal 9: Assist state agencies with recruitment and retention of employees.

Goal 10: Fund projects necessary for continued efficiency and modernization of state government.

Goal 11: Identify other opportunities to support cities, counties, and tribal governments as they determine how to *survive*, *drive*, and *thrive*.