

agreement on favorably evaluating certain types of water diversion projects without altering their overall positions for or against Great Lakes water diversion.

Accordingly, the hearing transcripts, position papers, government correspondence and staff memorandum of water diversion proposals in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin and Lowell Wisconsin were reviewed to determine the specific positions of governments, organizations and individuals on these proposals. From this information and a review of potential future diversions identified by Great Lakes United<sup>44</sup>, a list of conditions and potential scenarios were created in a survey instrument. The survey instrument was then sent to individuals identified with the groups listed in Table 1 to explore commonalities among the major Great Lakes stakeholders.

While the number of respondents to the survey was relatively small<sup>45</sup>, the survey nonetheless received responses from all of the targeted groups except agriculture.<sup>46</sup> Survey responses to a question asking individuals to describe their organization's views on Great Lakes water diversion confirmed the earlier findings on Table 1. As will be discussed further in another section of this article, information gathered indicates that all of these groups appear to have de facto criteria that would permit them to support some type of diversion project.

Another survey question outlined 10 potential conditions and asked survey respondents to indicate how these conditions would affect their organization's position on out of basin, Great Lakes water diversion projects. A follow-up question asked the respondents to identify which of those conditions would be most influential in terms of supporting or opposing a proposed Great Lakes water diversion project. A list of the 10 conditions are listed in Table 2.

---

<sup>44</sup>"Enviied Waters", op. cit.

<sup>45</sup> Of the 187 valid survey instruments sent, 71 surveys were returned as of January 20, 1997

<sup>46</sup> Agricultural groups have not been active in the water diversion issue. Flooding issues in general are their concern.