

# Discussion and Policy, Legislative, and Regulatory Recommendations



# Policy, Legislative, or Regulatory Recommendations

Policy, legislative, or regulatory recommendations may include, but are not limited to:

- Modifications to existing state or local laws, regulations, or ordinances
- New state or local laws, regulations, or ordinances
- Ideas for recurring funding for water planning work
- Restructuring existing groups or agencies

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## Modifications to existing state or local laws, regulations, or ordinances

- **Minimum Instream Flow should be 20% median, not 20% mean.**
- **The use of 80% mean in the determination of safe yield has led to an overestimated availability. Safe yield should be 80% median.**
- **All users should be subject to the same rules.**
- **Don't allocate more water than is available under *normal* conditions**
- **Apply reasonable use criteria to all water use requests**
- **Apply reasonable methods to periodically evaluate water use and actual needs (prevent locking up water that is not used/needed)**

The items above were suggested recommendations (by RBC members) for RBC discussion. Following much discussion by the RBC during the meeting, the Facilitator agreed to send a survey to each RBC member to capture their support or disagreement for each item, then compile a summary.



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New state or local laws, regulations, or ordinances

- *No recommendations were identified*

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## Ideas for recurring funding for water planning work

- Legislative funding for ML Program and retrofits
- Legislative funding for water utility audits and water control/water loss funding
- Applying for funding needs to be made much easier, less time consuming, and inexpensive.
- Support for completion of funding applications.
- Contingency source funding



# Policy, Legislative, or Regulatory Recommendations

## Restructuring existing groups or agencies

- *No recommendations were identified*
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