

Review and Discuss Draft River Basin Plan



Decision Making – River Basin Plan Approval Process

Step 1

- Testing for consensus of **Draft Plan**

Five Point Rating Scale

1

Full Endorsement

2

Endorsement, but with minor points of contention

3

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4

Stand aside with major reservations (requires changes)

5

Withdrawal (Member leaves)

Step 2

- For the **Final Plan**, each RBC Member will indicate their **support** or **disagreement**
- By supporting the **Final Plan**, each member acknowledges their:
 - Concurrence with the Plan
 - Commitment to support implementation of the Plan

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Step 1 - at Today's RBC Meeting

Straw vote to identify any:

- A. Major reservations (4s or 5s)
- B. Points of Contention (2s or 3s)

Propose and consider Plan edits that will move RBC members toward endorsement / full endorsement

Test Consensus

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Step 2 – Following Today's RBC Meeting

Collect and record RBC Members level of endorsement that were unable to attend the Nov 16 meeting

- 1. Release Draft Plan to the Public**
- 2. Schedule and Hold Public Meeting (30 days after Draft Plan release)**

- 1. Address public comments**
- 2. Address final RBC comments**
- 3. Document RBC Consensus on Final Plan**
- 4. Release Final Plan**
- 5. Hold Final Public Meeting**

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Straw Vote

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Suggested Revision

Executive Summary (pg. 17) and Chapter 9 (pg. 9-12)

“Although Minimum Instream Flow (MIF) regulations (Section 49-4-150) require that surface water users conserve water during periods of low flow, MIF regulations do not apply to agricultural surface water users, surface water users with permits issued prior to the enactment of Surface Water Regulation 61-119 in 2011, or public water suppliers seeking new surface water permits. Because of these exceptions, currently no users in the Edisto River basin are subject to MIF requirements.”

Recommended revision:

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