



Development of Planning Process, Technical and Program, and Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations

Policy, Legislative, Regulatory, Technical, and Planning Process Recommendations

The RBC can make specific recommendations at both a basin-wide and state level. These recommendations could include:

1. Suggestions for improving the river basin **planning process**;
2. Considerations for additional **technical** information or tools; and
3. Potential changes to state **policy** or to the **existing regulatory** or **legislative** environment that would benefit the water planning process.

River Basin Planning Process Recommendations

Planning process recommendations may include, but are not limited to:

- Changes to the RBC membership, bylaws, meeting schedules, or procedures
- Ideas to improve communication among RBCs and other groups
- Funding needs and sources of funding
- Improvements to the public outreach process
- Implementing the River Basin Plan and continued RBC activities and actions

Technical and Program Recommendations

Technical and program recommendations may include, but are not limited to:

- Need for more data (such as stream gages or monitoring wells)
- Model improvement (accuracy or functionality)
- Need for additional models to address specific issues
- Improved water use data, population data or estimates, water demand estimates, land use data, etc.
- Recommendations for technical studies to improve knowledge of specific issues
- Need for additional technical training for the RBC members
- Improved instream flow requirement information

Technical and Program Recommendations

Topics discussed at previous RBC meetings that could become technical recommendations:

- **Sedimentation**
 - **Minimizing streambank erosion, scour, and sources of sedimentation to reservoirs**
 - **Studies to better identify sources of sediment load to reservoirs**
 - **Encourage establishment of riparian buffers, streambank restoration, and other practices that reduce sediment load to streams and reservoirs**
- **Study impacts of changing land use on streamflow characteristics (magnitude of flows, timing of flows, flashiness, etc).**

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