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December Meeting Highlights

Agenda Item 3



Consensus-Based RBC Policy Recommendations

1. Improve the current laws that allow for regulation of water use so that they are effective and enforceable.
2. The South Carolina Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting, Use, and Reporting Act should allow for reasonable use criteria to be applied to all surface water withdrawals, like those that currently exist for groundwater withdrawals.
3. Recognizing that South Carolina is growing is growing rapidly, the demand for water is increasing, and water resources are finite, water planning at the river basin and state level should continue.
4. The South Carolina Legislature should establish a grant program to help water users implement the actions and strategies identified in the legislatively-approved State Water Plan.
5. The water withdrawal permitting process should specifically assess the permit application's alignment with the legislatively-approved State Water Plan.



Policy Discussions in the Parking Lot

1. A recommendation focusing on collaborative basin planning with Georgia.
2. Whether water law and their implementing regulations should distinguish between registrations and permits.
3. Is their value making in distinction between small and large agricultural operations for planning and permitting?