



Discussion of Planning Process Recommendations

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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

Planning Process Recommendations

-  1. SCDES, the RBC Planning Teams, and the RBCs should conduct regular reviews of the RBC membership to make sure all interest categories are adequately represented and attendance across all interest categories meets the requirements of the RBC Bylaws.
-  2. SCDES should organize an annual state-wide meeting of RBCs and State agencies.
-  3. RBC members should communicate with legislative delegations throughout the river basin planning process to promote their familiarity with the process and its goals and to generate buy-in on its recommendations.
-  4. The RBCs should support and promote outreach and education to increase awareness with the general public around watershed-based planning.
-  5. SCDES should continue to designate staff to coordinate and support ongoing RBC activities.
-  6. Request that WaterSC consider recommendations from the Santee RBC, which may be developed late in the year.
-  7. To continue positive progress at the state level for river basin planning, state agencies should assess the current funding to SCDES to support river basin planning.

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-  8. RBCs should consider developing and executing a communication plan early in the initial 2-year planning process and conducting education and outreach prior to completion of the River Basin Plan.
-  9. The RBC should establish a social media presence and use this to describe the river basin planning process to customers and/or the public during ongoing outreach, education, or training programs.
-  10. RBC members should be encouraged to present observations and outcomes of the river basin planning process. Chair and Vice Chair should approve the content.