



Finish Discussion and Development of Policy, Legislative, and Regulatory Recommendations

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Lower Savannah-Salkehatchie Recommendations from Dec 5th Meeting:

1. The South Carolina Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting, Use, and Reporting Act should allow for reasonable use criteria to be applied to surface water withdrawals, like those that currently exist for groundwater withdrawals. [US, B, PD, and E]
2. Improve the current laws that allow for regulation of water use so that they are effective and enforceable. [US and B].
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. [US and PD had similar recs about water planning, but specifically mention funding]
4. The South Carolina Legislature should establish a grant program to help support the implementation of the actions and strategies identified in each RBC's River Basin Plan. [US and PD]
5. The water withdrawal permitting process should specifically assess the permit application's alignment with the legislatively-approved State Water Plan. [B was similar, but referenced alignment with the River Basin Plan]



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Recommendations In the Pee Dee RBC's Draft River Basin Plan

-  **The RBC recommends that the Legislature approve and adopt the State Water Plan.** This assumes that the River Basin Plans are appendices to the State Plan...
-  **Increase coordination and planning with GAEPD on Savannah River water resources issues.**
-  **The State should support and fund water education programs that include all sectors of water use and promote the types of water management strategies recommended in River Basin Plans.** Extension Services and others already do educations and outreach to varying levels. The RBC can provide guidance on topics that are important... [add additional language to reflect RBC discussion]

All three were approved by the US RBC at the meeting. Final wordsmithing needed for some.