



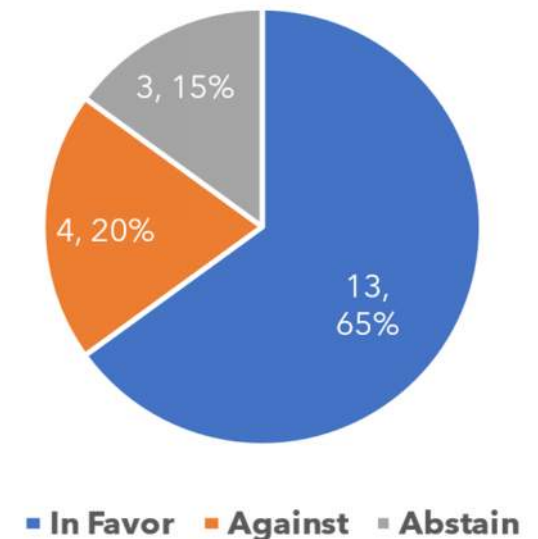
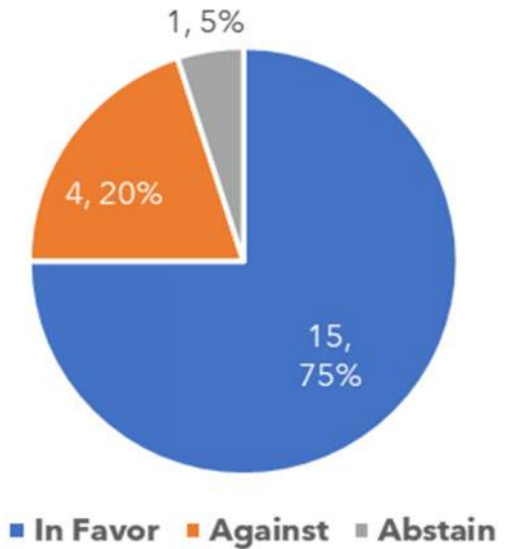
Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations Made by the Edisto and Broad RBCs

The Broad RBC's (Consensus-based) Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations

1. When considering permit applications, **reasonable use criteria should be applied to surface water withdrawals**, like they currently are for groundwater withdrawals.
2. Laws that allow for regulation of water use need to be enforceable to be effective. The **current water law, which grandfathers in most water users, can be improved** to support effective management of the state's water resources.
3. Water law and implementing regulations should **not distinguish between registrations and permits**. All water users that withdraw above the identified threshold should be required to apply for a water withdrawal permit.
4. The water withdrawal permitting process should specifically assess the permit application's **alignment with the current River Basin Plan**, particularly regarding proposed withdrawals, returns, resource conservation, and drought response.

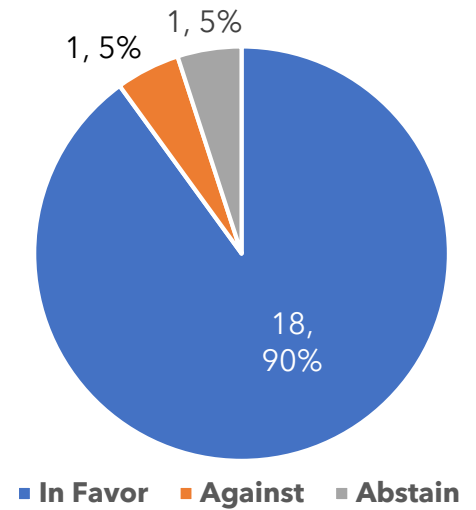
The Edisto RBC's Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations

1. The Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting, Use, and Reporting Regulations should use **80 percent of median annual daily flows instead of 80 percent of mean annual daily flows** to determine **safe yield** at a withdrawal point.
2. The Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting, Use, and Reporting regulations should use **median annual daily flows instead of mean annual daily flows to determine seasonal minimum instream flows** at a withdrawal point.

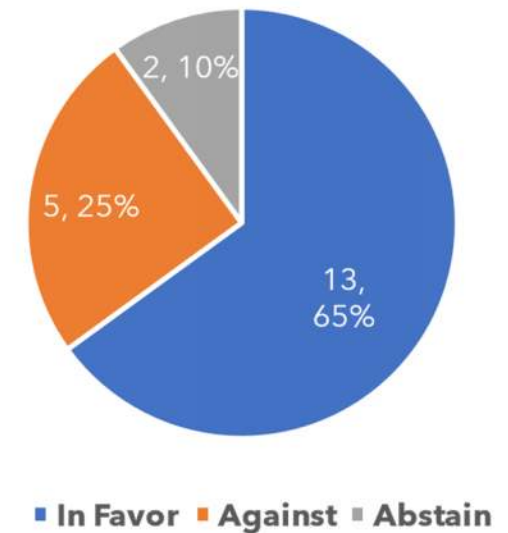


The Edisto RBC's Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations

1. Reasonable use criteria should be applied to all water use requests.



2. A user's actual water use and water needs, accounting for growth, should be periodically reviewed to prevent locking up water that is not needed.



The Edisto RBC's Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations

1. All water withdrawers should be subject to the same rules.

