



# Review of November Meeting Highlights

*Agenda Item 3*

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- Reviewed and discussed “safe yield” and surface water law and regulation
- Previous stakeholder efforts which re-examined the law and regulation included the **Safe Yield Workgroup**, **SW Regulation Workgroup**, and most recently, the **PPAC**.
- The **SW Regulation Workgroup** identified three unintended consequences:
  - Overallocation limits availability
  - Flow standards do not apply to majority of permits and registrations
  - Basin planning activities and regulatory framework are not working together for effective implementation
- The **PPAC** developed a summary of concepts which helped inform potential changes to the **Surface Water withdrawal, Permitting Use, and Reporting Act**.

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- Reviewed the **Broad RBC** recommendations pertaining to laws and regulations, which included:
  - When considering permit applications, reasonable use criteria should be applied to surface water withdrawals
  - Laws that allow for regulation of water use need to be enforceable to be effective.
  - Water law and implementing regulations should not distinguish between registrations and permits.
  - The water withdrawal permitting process should specifically assess the permit application's alignment with the current River Basin Plan
- Reviewed the ***Draft Broad River Basin Plan***