Results of the December 2008 Workshop on Environmental Flows in the Cypress River Basin
TCEQ shall adopt appropriate **environmental flow standards** for each river basin … that are adequate to support a sound ecological environment, to the maximum extent reasonable considering other public interests and other relevant factors.

and

establish an amount of unappropriated water, if available, to be **set aside** [in each river basin] to satisfy the environmental flow standards to the maximum extent reasonable when considering human water needs.
December Work on Senate Bill 3

Goals

**Environmental Flow Regimes:**
Reviewed and revised the Building Blocks.

**Environmental Flow Standards:**
Developed Recommendations based on the Building Blocks, physical limitations and goals of stakeholders.
Results: Envi. Flow Standards

**Big Cypress Bayou:** A numerical standard:
The revised building blocks as limited by the 3000 cfs maximum flow rate from Lake O’ the Pines and existing water rights.

**Black Cypress Bayou:** A narrative standard:
Maintain in as natural condition as possible. Standard more protective than regime.

**Little Cypress Bayou:** A hybrid standard:
The building blocks, except for flood flows for which there is a narrative standard that flood flows should not be further reduced significantly in timing, duration or magnitude.