

I propose to add the following recommendation to the BBASC report to the Environmental Flows Advisory Group and the TCEQ.

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#### 1.8.8 Recommendation 8

The Sabine-Neches BBASC recommends that the legislature through the TCEQ provide funding for the BBASC to properly review the BBEST recommendations and to provide funding for any reports that may be required under SB3.

#### Rationale

The S-N BBASC received and reviewed the recommended environmental flow regime from the S-N BBEST, but was provided no information as to the effect on new and amended water rights. To address this critical issue, SRA-TX provided unbudgeted funding for a consultant to apply the flow regimes to TCEQ's water availability model (WAM) to determine the changes in the firm yields on existing and proposed water supply projects. In addition SRA-TX developed the recommendations report from their own staff resources. While the BBEST obviously needs adequate funding to develop the recommended environmental flow regimes, the BBASC also requires some funding to assess the affect of the flow regimes and to provide a report to the EFAG and TCEQ.