

## **YRBWEP Work Group Ground Rules**

### **Desired Results**

- Achieve consensus on comprehensive set of projects and actions that collectively address water supply and flow, habitat, and fish passage issues and problems.
- Incorporate comprehensive set of projects into an implementation plan.
- Use comprehensive implementation plan as the basis for seeking congressional and state legislative authorization beginning with federal fiscal year (FFY) 2011 federal budget process.
- Pursue phased funding and implementation.

### **General**

- The work group will operate by consensus. Consensus is defined as a decision that falls within the “endorsement” to “formal disagreement but will go with majority” continuum (see attached exhibit).
- Foster open discussion of issues by listening carefully to each other, recognizing each member’s concerns about the topic, asking questions for clarification, and making statements that attempt to educate or explain.
- Commit to no personal attacks directed at individuals and/or organizations.
- Recognize the legitimacy of the interests and concerns of other work group members and also expect respect for your interests.
- Identify early in the process water supply, flow and habitat needs; potential fatal flaws; and key information needs.
- Focus discussions on the desired results.

### **Process**

- In addition to executive committee and work group, establish subcommittees, as necessary, to develop recommendations on specific issues.
- Meeting notes will be kept for each meeting (including subcommittee meetings), summarizing: meeting attendees, meeting topics addressed, and consensus decisions (or recommendations), key information needs, and other findings. Distribute meeting notes in draft form to the work group for review prior to the next meeting.
- Provide public comment opportunity at a specified time during each work group or subcommittee meeting. Written comments are also welcome.
- Maintain a running list of consensus decisions, key information needs and tabled items.