

## Definition of Consensus for YRBWEP 2009 Work Group Integrated Water Management Approach

Consensus is defined in terms of agreement along a continuum. Work group members may register the degree of their agreement with the language in any of the six columns:

1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Endorse</b>	<b>Endorse with a minor point of contention</b>	<b>Agree with reservation</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Stand Aside</b>	<b>Formal disagreement but will go with the majority</b>
“I like it”	“Basically I like it”	“I can live with it”	“I have no opinion”	“I don’t like it but I don’t want to hold up the group”	“I want my disagreement to be noted in writing but I’ll support the decision”

(Adapted from: “Facilitator’s Guide to Participatory Decision-Making,” 1996)

Notes: 1) Agreements with scores ranging from 1 to 6 is considered “agreement by consensus.” 2) Blocking (disagreeing and not supporting the decision) is not consensus.