

SB 839 RAC Ground Rules

- All meetings of the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) will be recorded and open to the public.
- Members will treat each other with respect throughout the process. They will listen to each other to seek to understand each other's perspective, even if they disagree.
- One person will speak at a time and stay focused on the scope of work. To indicate an interest in speaking, members will turn name tent cards vertical. Members will participate fully in letting the group know their perspective on issues, their concerns, and their differing points of view in an effort to achieve a shared understanding and find common ground. At the same time, members will respect time constraints, and will share the speaking time with others.
- All members will act in good faith in all aspects of these discussions. This includes being honest and refraining from undertaking any actions that will undermine or threaten this process.
- All members agree to maintain the respectful tone of meetings outside the formal meetings, including all email correspondence. Any reporting to constituents, the media, or other parties will focus on issues and not individuals.
- Members will refrain from generating controversy in the press and from publicly criticizing positions taken by other participants during the process.
- Members will not characterize or describe the positions of other members to the media or others, but will refer questions about others' positions to the other party.
- Members are reminded that all e-mail messages and written communication regarding the RAC are likely subject to state public records laws, and likely subject to disclosure.
- E-mails from RAC members that are intended for the entire group should be sent to WRD staff who will then distribute to the group.
- Please do your best to attend meetings in person, arrive on time, review necessary materials, and follow through on promises and commitments.
- Members may send a delegate in their place, if necessary. Members will minimize the use of delegates and notify staff in advance of the meeting.
- Turn off cell phones or place in the non-ring mode during meetings.

Decision-Making

- The RAC serves as an advisory body to the Water Resources Department to assist the Department in drafting the rules. Ultimately, the Water Resources Commission has decision-making authority over the content of the rules.