

Scott River Water Trust

There are three basic mechanisms by which water can be made available for instream flows, and each mechanism has advantages and disadvantages relative to implementation of a local water trust program. A mechanism that works in one tributary, at one time of the year, may not be practical on another tributary or at another time of the year. Factors that will dictate use of one mechanism over another include timing of water needs, availability of funding, number of water rights involved, stakeholder buy-in, etc. Ultimately, the local water trust program, along with participating rightholders, will have to make that determination on a case-by-case basis. This Figure identifies general considerations which will guide the decision-making process.

WATER ACQUISITION DECISION TREE

