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Item 5

## School Water Permits

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**Problem:** Schools must remodel/expand to meet student demand at unpredictable times. Most recently, several school districts expanded without obtaining a water authorization from their local Jurisdictions. Because the schools generally do not go through the local building departments, they are not subject to the requirement to show evidence of a Water Permit before the building permit is issued.

Another problem is that water is not available in the Jurisdictions to cover the expansion needs. In at least one case (Carmel River School), the school retrofit everything

Because no water is available in several Jurisdictions, the School Districts and District staff met to discuss alternative permitting concepts. The following options are the result of these discussions:

1. Best Management Practices. If a Site has implemented all BMPs, there should be no restriction on permitting. **POLICY QUESTION:** What specific BMPs should be considered?
2. BMPs throughout School District. When a School District has completed all BMPs (same question as above) for all facilities, they become exempt from permit restrictions.
3. Offsite School District retrofits. Allow a School District to be considered as a single Site (within the MPWMD), therefore allowing offsets at other locations. **POLICY QUESTION:** This could be problematic if we have Jurisdictional water Allocations in the future where a school in one Jurisdiction benefits from retrofits in another Jurisdiction.
4. Other