

Water Governance: Meaning, Application, Legitimacy

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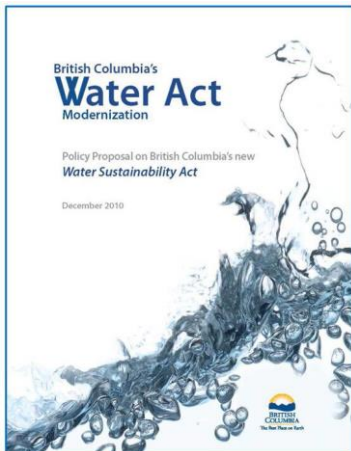


Governance





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Legitimacy

- The generalized perception that actors, institutions, processes, and policies are desirable, proper, or appropriate
- Changes to governance = changes to legitimacy



Challenges and Opportunities facing legitimacy

- Finding leadership and maintaining commitment
- Securing resources and building capacity
- Ensuring accountability
- Determining roles and responsibilities
- Balancing expert and local knowledge

Strengthening Organizational Legitimacy

- Addressing knowledge-based power imbalances
- Combating resistance
- Coordinating with government
- Developing meaningful connections with First Nations





“We know how to do it, but we don’t know how to get ‘er done”

~BC Water Stewardship Representative