



Water Rights - Adjudication

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Subcommittee*

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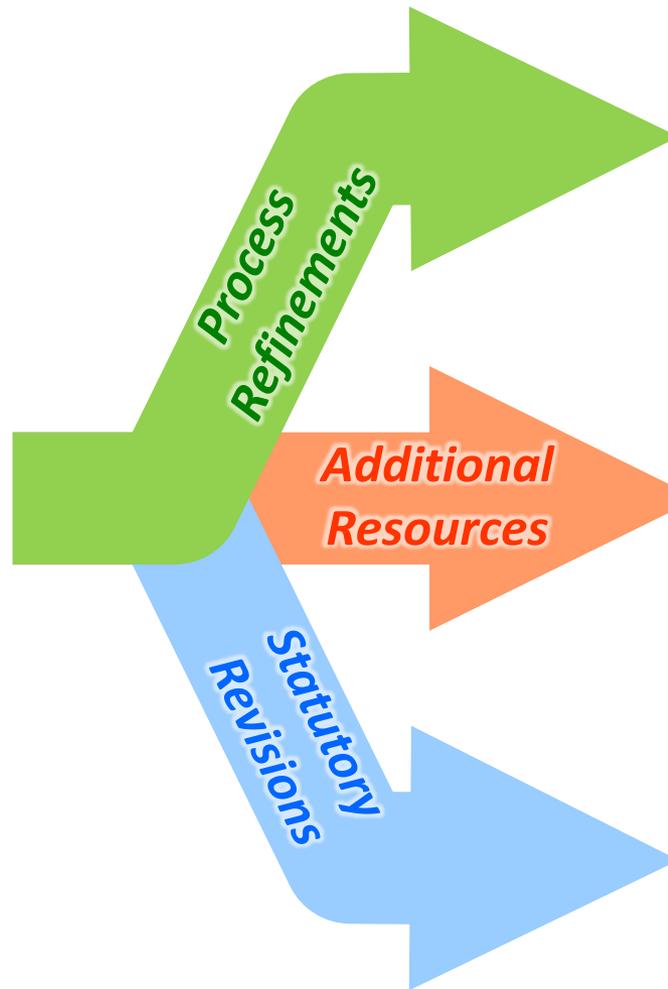
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Water Rights Adjudication Streamlining Strategy



Success Framework – Pilot Project

- *Focus on statutory mandates*
- *Restructure existing team*
- *Refine existing process flow within statute*
- *Leverage regional offices*

Additional Resources

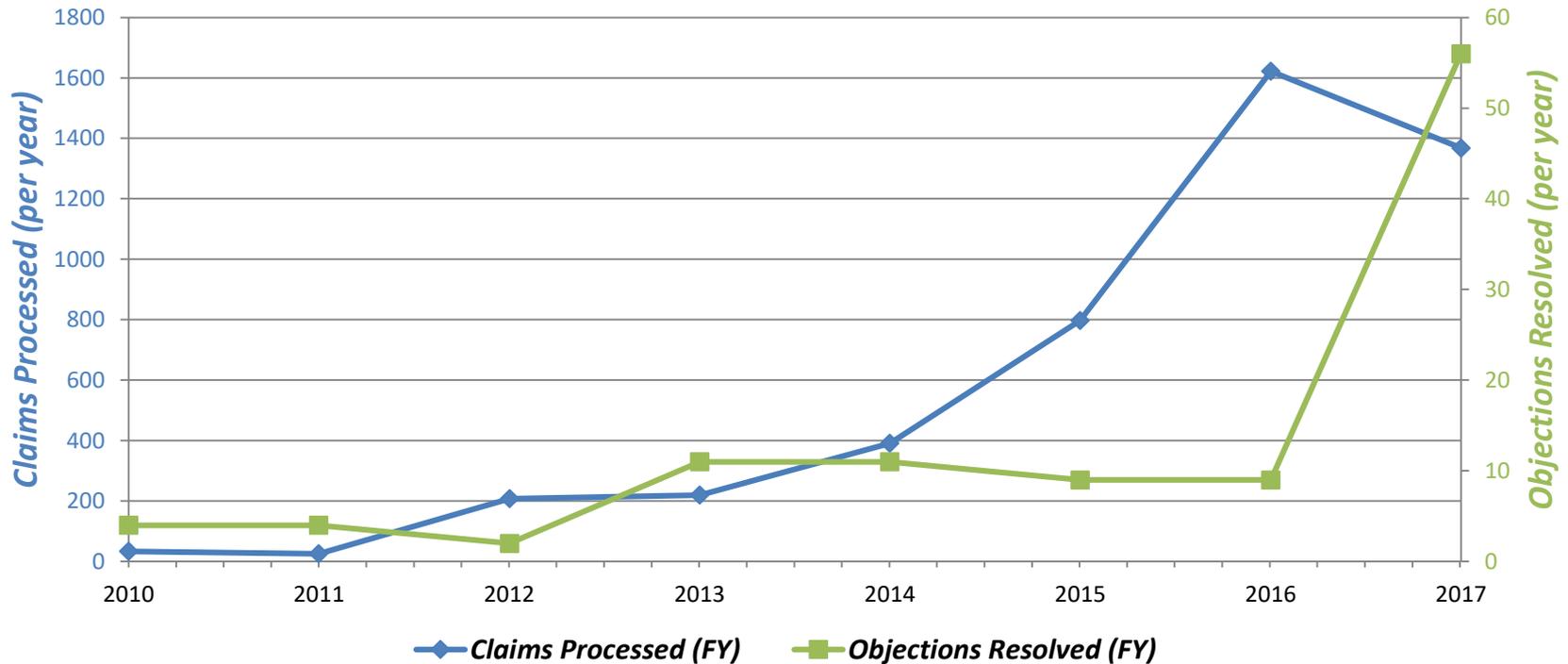
- *Special Master Funding (2015)*
- *Sales Tax Re-allocation (2017)*

SB 75 (2016)

- *Modernizes the adjudication process*
- *Creates incentive for claimant participation*
- *Provides enhanced due process*
- *Expands the notice beyond current records*

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Results of Streamlining Efforts & Costs



<i>Fiscal Year Cost</i>	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Claim Processing (Administrative)</i>	\$584,235	\$654,791	\$676,806	\$746,480
<i>Objection Resolution (AG's & Judicial)</i>	\$330,158	\$310,762	\$350,196	\$444,369



Salt Lake County Adjudications

