

Water Rights

- Prior Appropriation (Prioridad de Uso) - **Water Scarce Regions**
 - Beneficial Use – Determined Volume
 - “First in time, First in right”
 - Continual use of the water
 - Water rights are not connected with the property
 - Promote water markets
- Riparian water rights (Derecho del ribereño) – **Regions with Plentiful Water**
 - Reasonable use – Undetermined Volume
 - Same priority along stakeholders
 - Not needed a continual use of the water right
 - Water rights are connected with the land - Properties along the river
- Public Trust Doctrine (Doctrina del Fideicomiso Público) **All Regions**
 - Public has water rights held in trust for the use of the people (navigability, recreation, environment)
 - Non-consumptive uses
 - Highest priority
 - Water right is connected with the river in itself