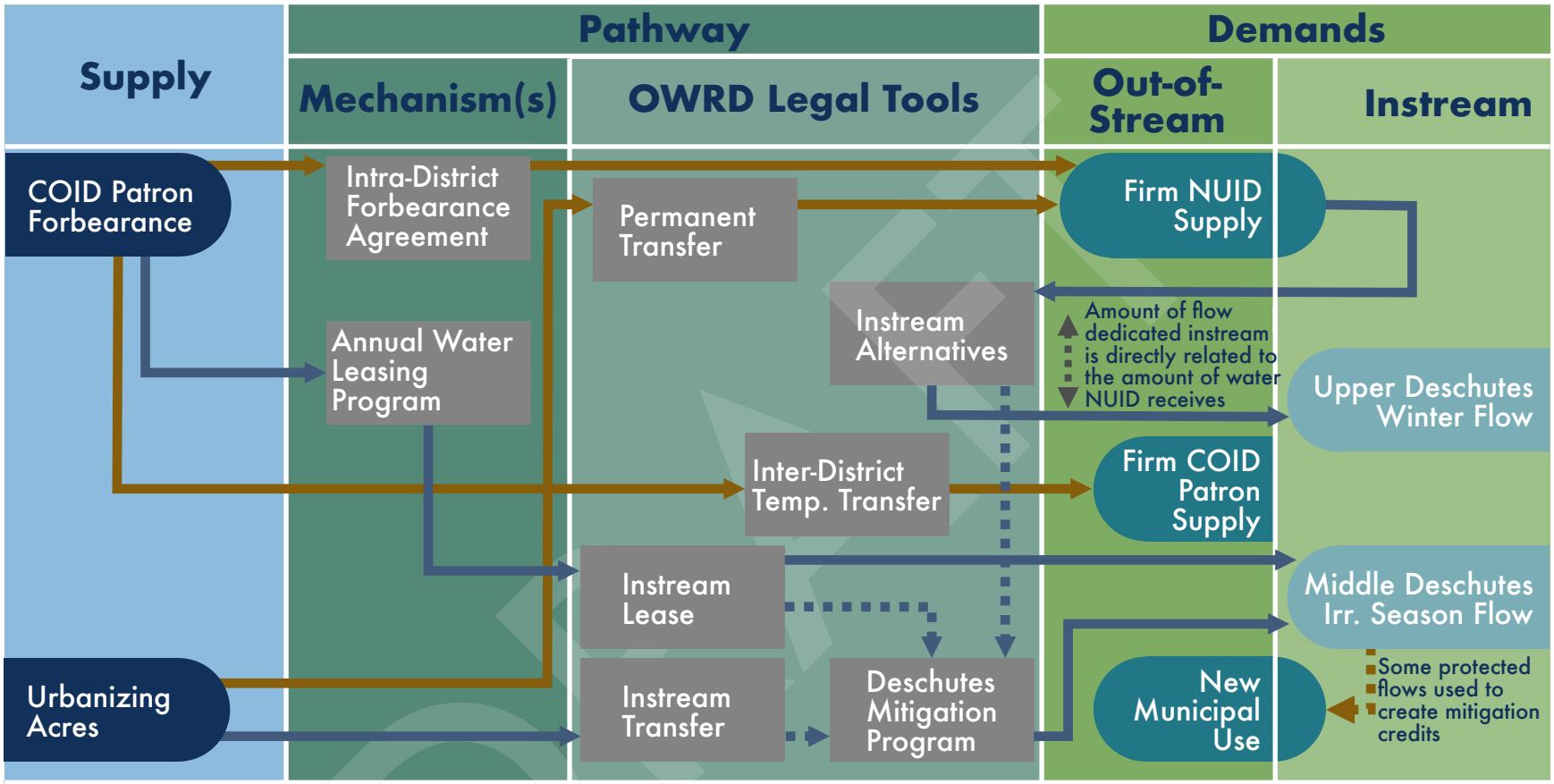
Framework for Action: Voluntary, Market-Based Reallocation from COID



Key Issues to Address and Resolve

- Basis for choosing between mechanisms and legal tools (pathways)
- Ability to accurately quantify paper water right and historical consumptive use as basis for transfer application (currently done by DRC for leases)
- Challenge of managing water delivery if one or more parcels on a lateral is dry
- Potential use of a water bank to facilitate movement of consumptive use water
- NUID willingness to release an equivalent amount of water from Wickiup Reservoir in exchange for receiving consumptive use water
- Assuming NUID willingness: 1) duration of instream use (HCP v. permanent); 2) flexibility to manage and shape storage releases depending on OWRD tool used; 3) storage of excess water in Wickiup above both the volume of NUID's storage right and HCP obligations; 4) ability to general groundwater mitigation credits from restored winter flow