# **Stakeholder Partnership Forum**

Navigating the Planning and Project Management Processes -Charting New Territory (WRRDA 2014)

#### **Break Out Session No. 8b**

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## **WRRDA 2014 Implementation Guidance**

Section Name	
Vertical integration & acceleration of studies (3x3x3)	
Consolidation of studies (Single-Phase Study Process)	
Project Acceleration (Streamlining Environmental Review)	
Determination of Project Completion	
Contributions by non-Federal interests	
Clarification of in-kind credit authority (applicable to Louisiana coastal area)	
Additional contributions by non-Federal interests	
Water resources projects on Federal land	
Clarification of Mitigation Authority (Improve habitat at fish hatchery within boundaries or downstream of Corps project)	



## **WRRDA 2014 Implementation Guidance**

Section	Section Name	
1030	Continuing Authority Program (CAP) (Increases programmatic limits and per project limits on Federal participation (Sec 14, 107, 111, 204, 205, 206, & 1135)	
1036	Non-Federal Plans to Provide Additional Flood Risk Reduction (LPP)	
1037(a)	Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (Fed participation extension of Period of Renourishment)	
1037(a)(2)	Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (Special Rule - extension)	
7001	Annual Report to Congress (Identifies Proposals for Consideration) Online proposal form available - <u>http://www.wrrda7001proposals.us/</u> 2015 Report inclusion deadline 23 September 2015 for FY18 Budget	



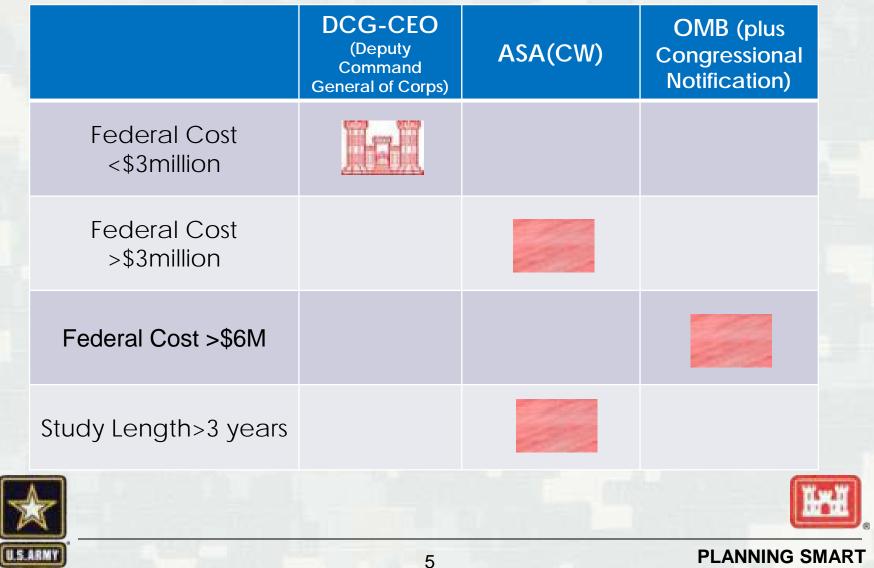
### 3x3x3 Rules & Exemptions WRRDA 2014 Sec. 1001

- A planning study shall be no more than \$3M, 3 years with 3 concurrent levels of review. (Planning Bulletin 2014-01)
- Includes but not limited to Feasibility, Limited Reevaluation Report, General Reevaluation Report, and Director's Report
- 3x3x3 Compliance prior to start of study or approval of required exemption (Planning Bulletin 2012-04)
- \$3M doesn't include Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) costs
- 3 years from execution of Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) to the signed Chief's Report
- Study that exceeds 3 years or \$3M cost requires approved exemption by Assistant Secretary and the Army for Civil Works [ASA(CW)]. Over \$6M requires Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval and Congressional notification.



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# **Approval Levels**



## Single Phase Study WRRDA 2014 Sec. 1002

- Single Phase Study Process (no reconnaissance study required)
- Immediate Execution of FCSA for \$3M
  - Approval Authority of Model FCSA is delegated to MSC Commander.
- Once FCSA executed, development of scope of PMP
- Prior to Alternatives Milestone, establish Federal Interest (reconeffort)
  - Project Management Plan (PMP) and Review Plan
- Keep Non-Federal Sponsor apprised of any slips of the five key milestone dates via letter.



#### Contributed Funds WRRDA 2014 Sec. 1015 &1023

- Section 1015 expands USACE authority to accept voluntary contributed funds from states, political subdivisions and other NF interests.
  - Includes authorized projects on inland waterways; and
  - Separate provision for operation of hurricane barrier project.

Section 1023 – amends Section 902 of WRDA 1986 - USACE may accept funds for a project that has exceeded its maximum costs. USACE may accept Sponsor funds.

- Contributed funds may be accepted /expended (in connection with funds appropriated by the U.S.) for study, design, construction, O&M of Federally authorized studies & projects, including Continuing Authorities Projects; but not environmental infrastructure assistance.
- Studies using O&M or Mississippi River & Tributaries (MR&T (M)) funds, contributed funds may be accepted even if Federal funds have not been provided for the study.



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## Continuing Authorities WRRDA 2014 Sec. 1030

 Section 1030 increases per project limits and programmatic limits for Federal participation for the following CAP Authorities:

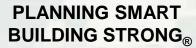
CAP Section	Per Project Limit	Programmatic Limit
14	\$5M	\$20M
107	\$10M	\$50M
111	\$10M	N/A
204	\$10M	\$50M
206	\$10M	\$50M
1135	\$10M	\$40M



## List of Acronyms

- ASA(CW) Assistant Secretary and the Army for Civil Works
- FCSA Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement
- LPP Locally Preferred Plan
- MR&T- Mississippi River and Tributaries
- OMB Office and Management and Budget
- O&M Operations and Maintenance
- PMP Project Management Plan
- USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- WRRDA Water Resources Reform and Development Act







#### **For More Information**

- Planning Toolbox
  - http://planning.usace.army.mil/toolbox/index.cfm
- Headquarters
  - http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning/Legislative Links/wrrda2014.asp





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# Discussion

- What did we hear last time from stakeholders?
- What is SWG doing with recommendations and what actions remain?
- What action items are most important and needed now to be addressed?
- What can stakeholders do to achieve our common objectives?





