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:

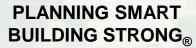
CAP Section	Per Project Limit	Programmatic Limit
14	\$5M	\$20M
107	\$10M	\$50M
111	\$10M	N/A
204	\$10M	\$50M
206	\$10M	\$50M
1135	\$10M	\$40M



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?





