

Stakeholder Partnership Forum

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

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WRRDA 2014 Implementation Guidance

Section	Section Name
1001	Vertical integration & acceleration of studies (3x3x3)
1002	Consolidation of studies (<i>Single-Phase Study Process</i>)
1005	Project Acceleration (<i>Streamlining Environmental Review</i>)
1010	Determination of Project Completion
1015	Contributions by non-Federal interests
1019	Clarification of in-kind credit authority (<i>applicable to Louisiana coastal area</i>)
1023	Additional contributions by non-Federal interests
1025	Water resources projects on Federal land
1028	Clarification of Mitigation Authority (<i>Improve habitat at fish hatchery within boundaries or downstream of Corps project</i>)



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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 - http://www.wrrda7001proposals.us/ <i>2015 Report inclusion deadline 23 September 2015 for FY18 Budget</i>




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.



Approval Levels

	DCG-CEO (Deputy Command General of Corps)	ASA(CW)	OMB (plus Congressional Notification)
Federal Cost <\$3million			
Federal Cost >\$3million			
Federal Cost >\$6M			
Study Length >3 years			



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 (recon effort)
 - ▶ 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.



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/LegislativeLinks/wrrda2014.asp>



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?

