UPDATE ON USACE PLANNING & WRDA 2016 IMPLEMENTATION

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ANNUAL REPORT ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Report established by WRRDA 2014, Section 7001

- Identifies proposals for new study authorizations, new project authorizations, and modifications to existing project or feasibility study authorities
- Based, in part, on annual requests from non-Federal interests
- Secretary certifies proposals meet five WRRDA criteria
- Proposals that don’t meet criteria are included in an appendix
CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS

1. Proposed studies and modifications are related to USACE missions and authorities
2. Require specific congressional authorization
3. Have not been congressionally authorized
4. Have not been included in the main table of a previous annual report
5. If authorized could be carried out by USACE
ANNUAL TIMELINE

Proposal Process
- Federal Register Notice: Request for Proposals – 11 April 2017
- Public Webinar - 18 July 2PM ET
- Collection of Proposals - 120 Days (9 August 2017)

Evaluation of Proposals – 7001 Criteria
- Corps & OASA(CW) – August through January

Report to Congress - 1 Feb (planned: 1 February 2018)
http://www.usace.army.mil/
WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE REPORT?

It’s up to Congress
A Perfect Storm: U.S. Water Resources Challenges

- Increased Competition for Water – Population Growth & Demographic Changes
- Aging Civil Works Infrastructure and Implications to Resilience
- Increasing Demand - Mega Nexus Drivers – i.e. Water Supply, Domestic Hydrocarbon Production, Agricultural Needs
- Nonstationarity and Adaptation to Climate Change
- Paradigm Shift to IWRM /Systems Perspective Focused on Sustainability
- Technological Advancement and Knowledge Management
- Global Economy & Increased Importance of U.S. Maritime Transportation System
- As “World Shrinks” – Increasing Concerns Over International Water Security
- US Debt Pandemic & Constrained Federal Budgets
Included under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act)
Comprehensive legislation to address the Nation’s water resources infrastructure
Signed by President 16 Dec 2016
Moves WRDA legislation in a biennial cycle (every two years)
Sect 7001 of WRRDA 2014 for authorization used for authorizations
Includes 206 provisions for USACE
WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2016

AUTHORIZATIONS AND DEAUTHORIZATION

Contains 30 Chief’s Reports and 8 Post Authorizations

Changes

Deauthorizes locks within the Green and Barren Rivers

$10B in reauthorizations

Authorizes 39 studies for feasibility and modifications projects

Environmental infrastructure project

Authorizations and modifications
WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2016

NAVIGATION

Funds emerging harbors and harbors of refuge
Adds no Wake Zones provisions
Changes cost share to deepening projects (100% up to 50’)
Requirements on dredging, data transparency and beneficial use
Changes to remote and subsistence Harbors authorized in 2007
Changes to authorization of donor ports and energy transfer ports
Non-federal sponsor empowerment

Modifications to Section 203, 204 of WRDA 1986
  – Allows NFS to engage the Corps to support study efforts

Drought and water conservation

Tribal Partnerships

Defines new starts

Tribal partnerships

Amends planning assistance to the States
Execution is an Executive Branch responsibility

Purpose of WRDA Implementation Guidance is to determine how Administration/Agency will proceed under new law in light of current policies and procedures; or to develop new policies and procedures where needed to implement the law.

Intent is to ensure consistent application across Corps Guidance issued in form of memoranda, EC’s or ER’s.

Not all provisions in law may be funded or implemented as a matter of policy.
CWP has overall management lead and general policy oversight
SME’s identified for preparing implementation guidance
SME’s draft guidance and identify policy issues, if any, that need to be addressed by senior leadership before guidance can be finalized
Established priorities for implementation. Focus is on funded work and high priority policy provisions
Unfunded provisions have low priority for guidance preparation
WRDA IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Implementation guidance undergoes HQ policy and legal review to ensure appropriateness and consistency before it goes to ASA(CW) for concurrence.

Implementation Guidance (issues and policy) developed in coordination with the OASA(CW) as needed.

Once HQ has prepared guidance it is coordinated with ASA(CW).

CWP manages coordination between HQ and ASA(CW).

Implementation Guidance is not final until approved by OASA(CW).

Final implementation guidance is publicly available.
CONSIDERATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT OF WRDA GUIDANCE

CW Policies and Procedures
Budgetary Policy
What legislation says and what it does not say
For projects, what the project is all about and its history; any policy issues?
A project’s budgeting history, adds or budgeted?
What guidance has HQ/ASA given recently and/or in the past
Coordination with appropriate functional elements
Legal sufficiency
Our Mission

A Planning Program that delivers timely, cost-effective and high quality and enduring water resource solutions to strengthen our Nation’s security, the economy, reduces risks from disasters and improve and restore the Environment

- **People**: People trained, equipped, and capable of solving problems.
- **Process**: Timely, technically sound, and policy compliant products.
- **Projects**: Implementable solutions for the Nation’s water resource priorities based on transparent, risk informed decisions.
- **Program**: An accountable, proactive, responsive, and relevant Planning Program providing value to the Nation’s Civil Works investment.

- **TELLING THE STORY!!**
**Investing in Planner’s Knowledge**
- Updating internal training courses – in content and methodology
- Bi-Monthly Webinars to share lessons learned
- Nearly 300 Planners certified for Technical Review (many in multiple disciplines)
- Launched National Water Resources Certified Planner Program (34 certified)

**Planning Policy & Guidance & WRDA**
- 60% of WRDA 2016 provisions addressed via Implementation Guidance, signed guidance, etc.
- 95% of WRRDA 14 provisions addressed
- Planning Policy Updates – update, consolidate and communicate (Appendices F, G and H)
- Interagency Guide to SMART Planning supporting work with the Services

**Delivering Commitments**
- Delivered 31 Chief’s Reports at $15.6B
- WRDA 2016 authorized 30 water resources projects and 8 reauthorizations
- WRDA 2016 authorized 39 studies
- Focus on delivering essential and enduring water resources solutions through partnerships and innovation.

**Sustainable for the Nation’s Future Needs**
- 9 new start reconnaissance studies in FY14
- 10 new start feasibility studies in FY15
- 10 new start feasibility studies in FY16
- 9 Sandy focus area studies
- 5 disposition studies
CURRENT FOCUS AREAS

- People
  - Planner capability
  - Funding
- Process
  - Exemptions
  - 3 year timeframe for completion
  - Guidance Development
- Projects
  - Project development
  - Project Documentation
- Program
  - New start studies
  - Investigations funding
FOR THE LATEST PLANNING INFORMATION

Planning Community Toolbox: www.corpsplanning.us

Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development / WRRDA 7001 Webpage
– Includes Links to Fed Register Notice and Proposal Form
– FAQs on the Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development
– Questions? Email: wrrda7001proposal@usace.army.mil

Implementation Guidance for All sections of WRRDA
Questions?

PLANNING SMART
BUILDING STRONG
Top of page with general information and links to other resources, including Federal Register Notice.
INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

Preparing and Submitting a Proposal

Submit proposals online at www.wrrda7001proposals.us. Proposals must be received by 19 September 2016.

Submit one form for each study or modification to a study or project being proposed.

Do not include Confidential Business Information, information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, or any other information that you would not want to appear in the Annual Report to Congress.

We recommend completing the proposal form in one sitting and having all letters of support and other materials assembled before completing the form. The following information will be requested:

1. Contact information for the individual/agency submitting the proposal.
2. Study project / location; you’ll have the option to upload a map of the study / project.
3. The name of all non-Federal interests planning to act as the sponsor(s), including any non-Federal interest that has contributed to or is expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.
4. A letter or statement of support from each associated non-Federal interest. Please limit your files to a maximum of 30MB (30,000 KB) in size. Files larger than 30 MB will not be considered.
5. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE water resources development project or feasibility study.
6. If the proposal is for a modification, the name of the authorized study or project must be specified.
7. State the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification.
8. Provide an estimate, to the extent practicable, of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.
9. Describe, to the extent applicable and practicable, an estimate of the anticipated monetary and non-monetary benefits of the proposal with regard to benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.
10. Describe local support for the proposal.
11. State if the non-Federal interest has the financial ability to provide for the required cost share, reference the Planning Guidance Notebook (ER 1105-2-100).

Although additional proposal documentation may be uploaded (30MB max file size), please be sure to answer each question in the field provided. Responses should not state “refer to uploaded documents” with no other response.

Information on the Proposal Form

Online Proposal Form for non-Federal Interests
PUBLISHING THE REPORT TO CONGRESS


Links to past Annual Reports and the last years' proposals.