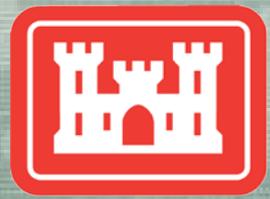


PCoP Webinar Series: Integrating WRRDA Implementation Guidance & PGN Updates

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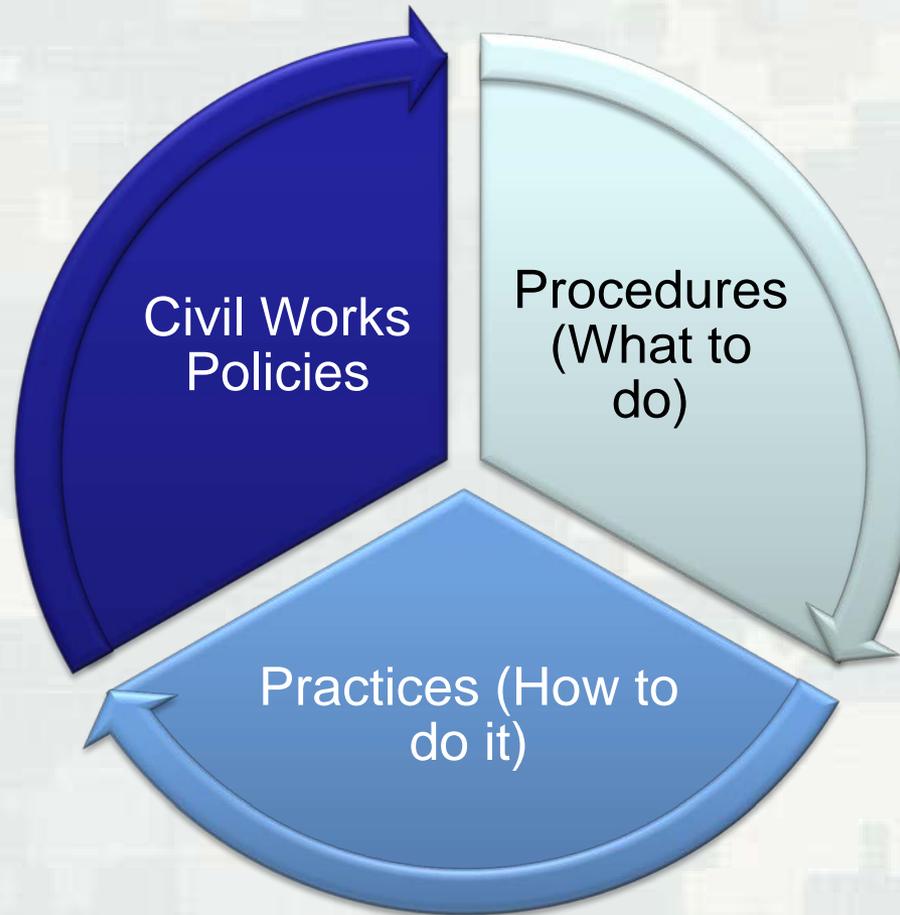


Overview

- Updated, Clear Guidance is Key Goal for Planning Modernization
- WRRDA Implementation & Next Steps
- Integrating WRRDA into Planning Guidance Updates – PGN and Beyond



Clear Guidance Supports Planning Excellence



HQ's Guidance Goals

- Execute!
- Be clear, understandable
- Take a holistic perspective
- Support delivery of planning products that are:
 - ▶ Policy compliant
 - ▶ Technically sound
 - ▶ Timely and vertically aligned



Guidance is Comprehensive

Planning Products must be:

Policy Complaint

Technically Sound

Timely and Vertically Aligned

Guidance Needed:

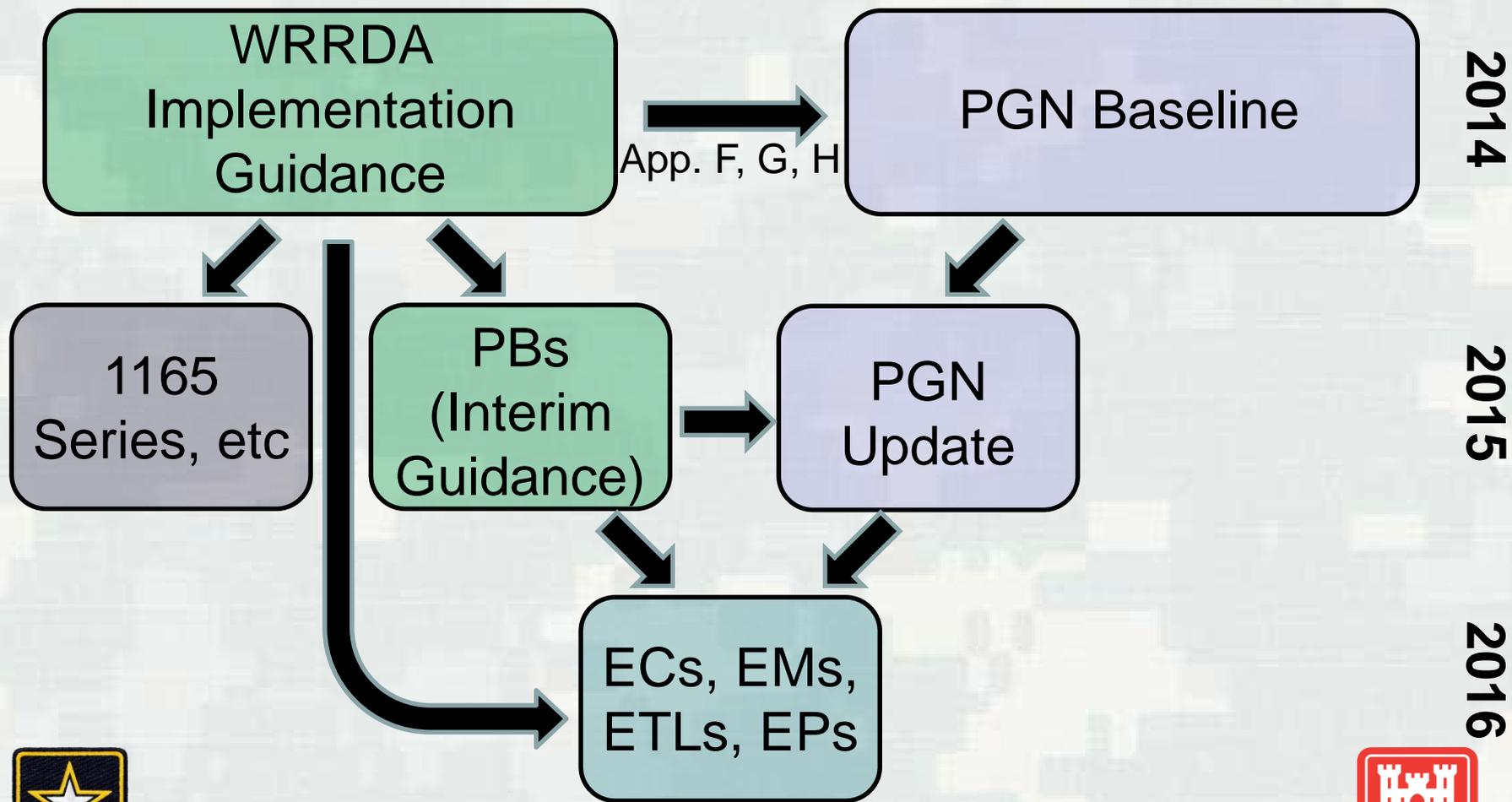
Policies – (WRRDA IG, Policy Digest, PGN)

Practices – (NED Manuals, ECs, Ems, ETLs)

Procedures – (PGN Appendices, w/SMART Planning Milestones)



Planning Guidance Overview: Phased by Priority



Water Resources and Reform Development Act

- Signed into law on 6/10/2014
- Primary legislation by which Congress authorizes the Corps of Engineers' key civil works missions.
- WRRDA is strictly an authorizing legislation; it does not include funding.



Key Aspects of WRRDA

- Authorizes 34 construction projects
- Reduces the construction backlog by deauthorizing \$18B of old, inactive projects
- Increases flexibility for non-federal interests to contribute funds to move studies & projects forward
- Provides authorities for non-federal interests to undertake planning, design and construction of Federally authorized projects & be reimbursed the Federal share
- Expands the work-in-kind credit authorities for non-federal interests



Key Aspects of WRRDA

- Provides authorities which support private-public partnerships
- Increases target expenditures for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
- Enables the Secretary to accept funds to operate, maintain and improve the inland waterways transportation system
- Expands the levee safety authority



Implementation Guidance

- Execution of the law is an Executive Branch responsibility.
- The purpose of WRRDA Implementation Guidance is to
 - ▶ Determine *how* the Administration/Agency will proceed under the new law in light of our current policies and procedures; or
 - ▶ Develop new policies and procedures where needed to implement the law.
- Intent is to ensure consistent application of the law across the Corps.
- Not all provisions in the law may be funded or implemented as a matter of policy.



WRRDA & Planning

- 39 Sections assigned to Planning & Policy
 - ▶ 19 directly – or closely tied to – the Planning Program and Procedures
- Sections Prioritized High / Medium / Low
 - ▶ PCoP intends to complete IG development of all assigned sections by the end of the CY
- Will impact PGN Baseline & Updates, Planning Bulletins (interim guidance), and more (TBD)



WRRDA Supports Planning Modernization

- Reinforces and supports the advances we have made in Planning Modernization process and portfolio management objectives
- Underlines rigor required in resource-constrained environment (3x3)
- Accountability for meeting our commitments (milestones)
- Importance of engagement with resource agencies



Planning IG Next Steps

- Policy-heavy WRRDA = greater HQ role in developing Implementation Guidance
- Webinar Listening Sessions for outside Stakeholders:

➤ Session 1 (August 13, 2014): Includes Deauthorizations & Backlog Prevention and Project Development & Delivery (Including Planning)



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- ▣ Memoranda of Understanding / Agreements
- ▣ Additional Authorities
- ▣ Congressional Committees with Jurisdiction over Civil Works Program
- ▣ Compilation of Laws
- ▣ Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) - 1996 through 2007
- ▣ Water Resources Reform Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014
 - WRRDA 2014 text
 - Implementation Guidance
 - Listening Session and Public Input



Planning Modernization

WRRDA IG Coming Soon

- Section 1001 – Puts 3-year; \$3 million study caps into law – with exception and extension provisions
- Section 1002 – Eliminates separate Reconnaissance Phase; Requires sponsor notification of missed deadlines
- Section 7001 – Initiates Annual Report process to facilitate new study authorizations



Planning Guidance Notebook Baseline

- Complete by end CY14
 - ▶ Resolve open comments – updates across entire PGN - from WRDA '07
 - ▶ Update Appendices G and H for SMART Planning and WRRDA '14
- Intent is “publish-ready”
 - ▶ Make Appendices G and H available for use in the field



PGN Update:

FY15 Planning Guidance Priority #1

- Incorporate new Corps guidance since 2000 (ECs, ETLs, PBs, Memoranda, WRRDA 14)
- Reflect current state of the practice
- Comprehensive Review and update of PGN and Appendices
- Content updates through CY2014
 - ▶ Review / resolution through June 2015
 - ▶ Publish revised PGN & Appendices by



Dec 2015

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Developing New Content and Topics in PGN

- Climate Change Adaptation (incl. Relative Sea Level Change)
- Life Safety
- Social Vulnerability
- Watershed Planning
- Ecosystem Goods & Services
- Environmental Justice



CW Policies and Manuals

- CW Policies compliment PGN
- WRRDA will trigger need for revising / clarifying existing CW Policies and may generate need for new policies
- Just as important to the field to guide *how to implement the policies*
- WRRDA and PGN Update will likely identify need for new/updated EPs, EMs, etc. that focus on the practice / application of the policies in the PGN

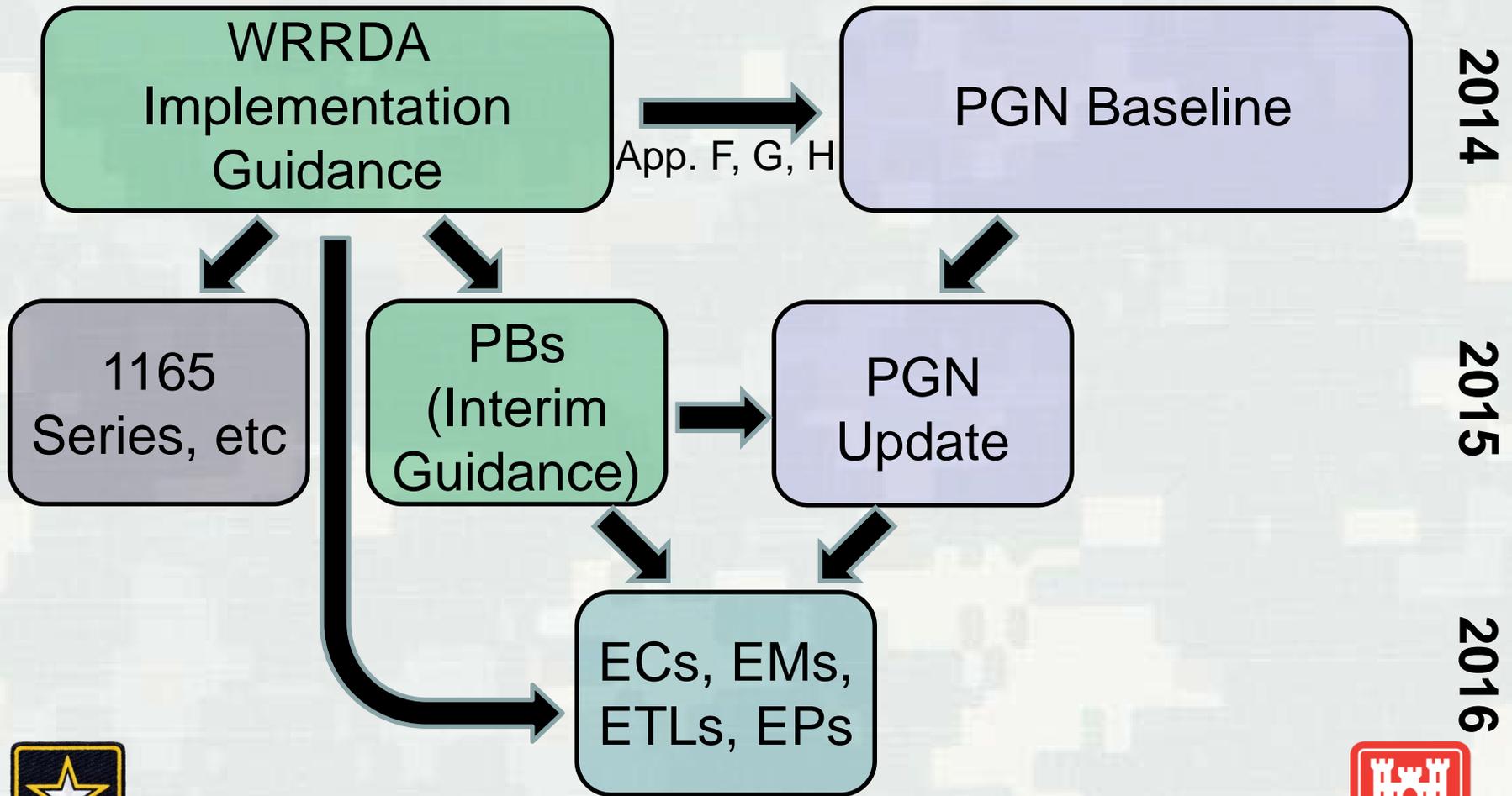


Summary

- WRRDA Implementation is priority and is underway
- Update PGN in parallel with WRRDA – key to planning excellence and long overdue
 - Baseline PGN update ready for release Dec 2014
 - Comprehensive update in Sept 15
 - Supporting Tech manuals in FY16
- WRRDA implementation leads to updated ER1165 docs in FY15
 - e.g. - Contributed Funds, Policy Digest, PCA's



Summary – in Pictures!



For the Latest Information

- Planning Community Toolbox
 - ▶ WRRDA Implementation Guidance
 - ▶ Planning Bulletins and other interim guidance
 - ▶ Updated Planning Guidance (incl. PGN)
 - ▶ FAQs and more
 - ▶ Email: hqplanning@usace.army.mil
- HQUSACE Planning “Legislative Links”
 - ▶ WRRDA Listening Sessions Information
 - Communicators Webinar on PAO SharePoint (June 2014)





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RSS Feeds

- Week in Review
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- What is RSS? RSS allows users to create customized collections of updates

Planning plays a vital role in supporting the Corps of Engineers Civil Works water resources development mission. Through planning activities, including feasibility studies, General and Limited Reevaluation Studies, Continuing Authorities Program studies, and Post Authorization Change studies, Corps planners help decision-makers identify water resources problems, conceive solutions to them and compare the importance of the inevitable conflicting values inherent in any solution.

The Planning Community Toolbox includes a wealth of information for planners and project delivery teams, including the policy, guidance, processes, and tools that are used every day in planning.

Policy and Guidance Updates

- WRRDA 2014 Information (05/28/14)
- Memo: Application and Compliance of SMART Planning and the 3x3x3 Rule to Watershed Assessment Studies (07/16/14)
- Engineer Regulation 1100-2-8162: Incorporating Sea Level Change in Civil Work Programs (07/16/14)
- Engineering and Construction Bulletin 2014-10: Guidance for Climate Change Adaptation Engineering Inputs to Inland Hydrology for Civil Works Studies, Designs, and Projects (06/09/14)
- Memo: Civil Works Review Board (CWRB) Expectations and Guidelines (05/05/14)

Planning Community Webinars

- All Upcoming & Recent Webinars
- Moving from the Study Phase to Preconstruction Engineering and Design (07/21/14)
- USACE Navigation FY 2014 Workplan and FY 2015 Budget (07/21/14)
- Planning Modernization and SMART Planning (07/21/14)
- Lessons Learned Post Final Feasibility Report (07/21/14)
- Watershed-Informed Budgeting (06/09/14)

Other News

- Updated Risk Register Template and Examples (07/16/14)
- SMART Reconnaissance Studies Fact Sheet (05/28/14)
- Example TSP Milestone Presentation (05/05/14)
- Decision Management Plan Template (04/23/14)
- Planning Ahead Newsletter (04/17/14)



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