

PCoP Webinar Series

WRRDA Overview

Section 7001: Annual Report to Congress

WRRDA 2014
Implementation
Guidance Series

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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.



WRRDA & Planning

- 39 Sections assigned to Planning & Policy
 - ▶ 24 directly – or closely tied to – the Planning Program and Procedures
- Will impact PGN Baseline & Updates, Planning Bulletins (interim guidance), and more (TBD)

Congress is telling us: *Get it done!*



Implementation Guidance

- 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 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 (3x3x3)
- Accountability for meeting our commitments (milestones)
- Importance of engagement with resource agencies



Section 7001: Annual Report

- 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 WRRDA criteria
 - Proposals that don’t meet criteria are included in an appendix

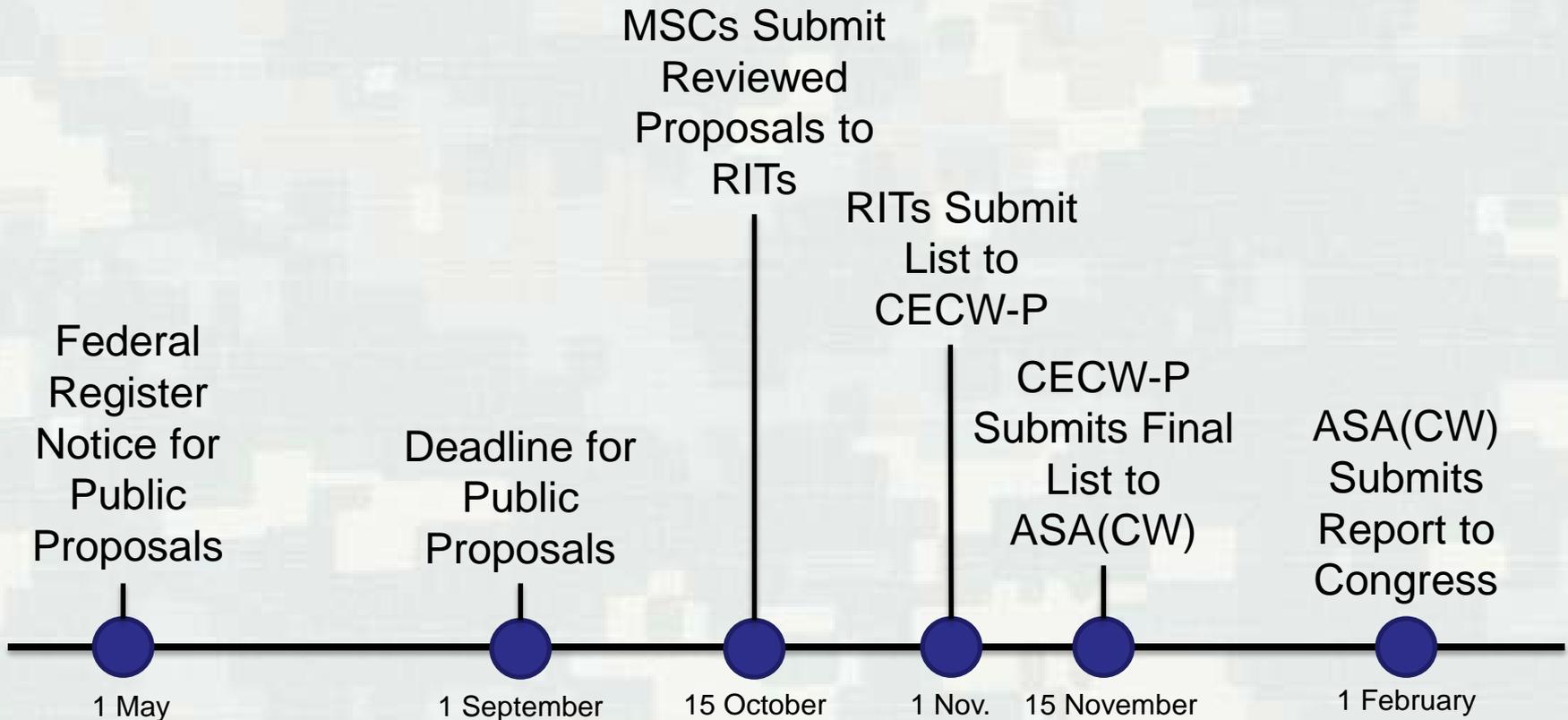


Section 7001 Annual Report Does Not...

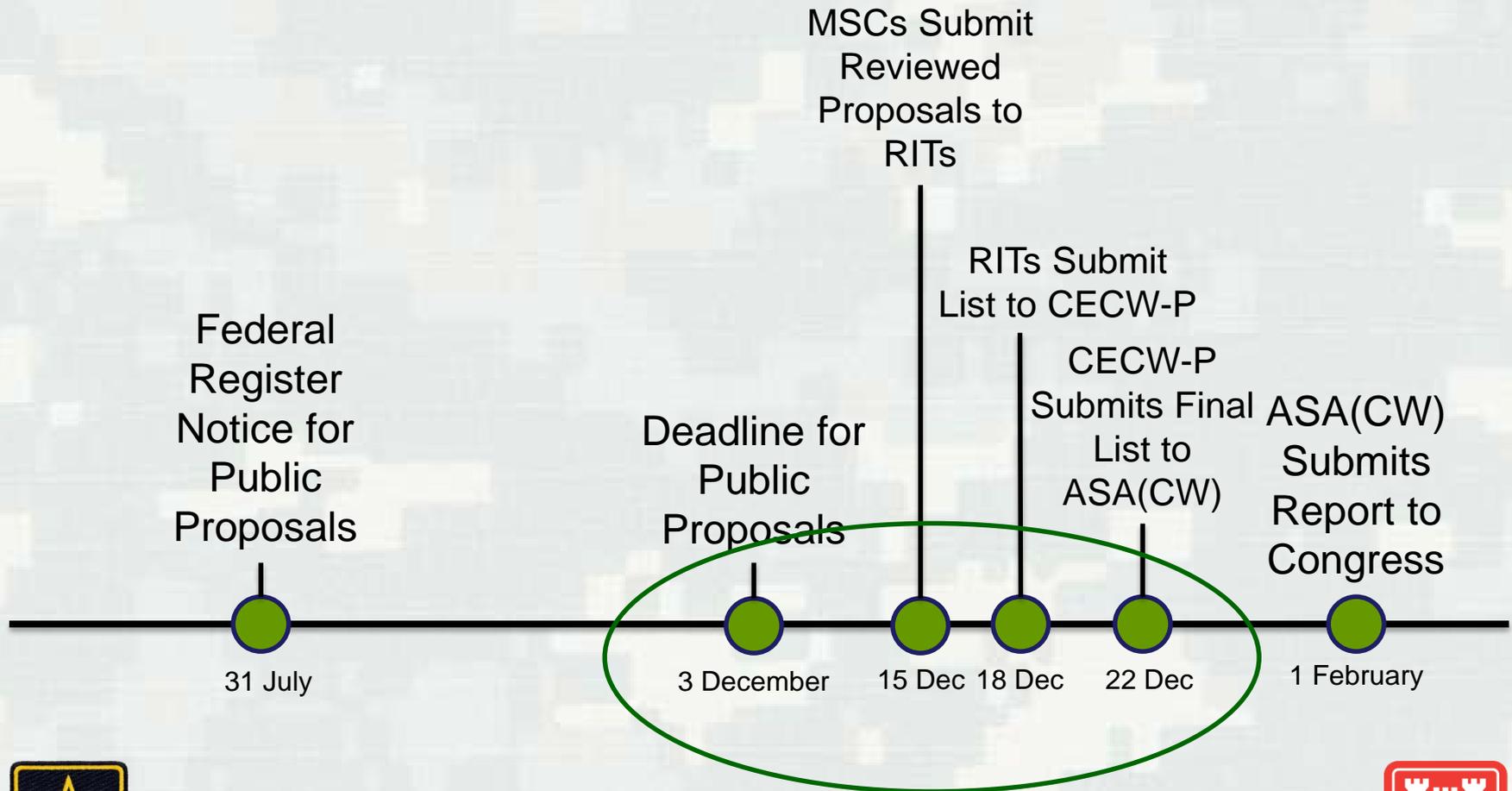
- Provide authorization
- Provide appropriation
- Replace New Start selection process
- Prioritize studies/projects



Annual Report Timeline



2014's Annual Report Timeline



Criteria for Inclusion of a New or Modified Study or Project

1. Related to USACE authorities and one or more of the core missions
2. Required to have specific congressional authorization
3. Has not been previously congressionally authorized
4. Has not been included in a previous annual report (under 7001) **AND**
5. Able to be carried out by the USACE, if authorized



Information on Each Submission Includes:

- Sponsor Name(s)
- Study or Project Purpose
- Estimated cost (fed and non-fed)
- Anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits
- Letter or statement of Support
- Financial capability of sponsor

Costs and Benefits
Estimates are "to the
extent practicable"



The Appendix

Proposals that do not meet the criteria or do not contain all the required information will not be included in the Annual Report, but will be included in an appendix, citing which criteria were not met.



District Roles

- Talk with your Sponsors / potential Sponsors
- Understand their submissions – work to ensure completion before deadline
- If doesn't qualify, work on another solution to their issues:
 - ▶ Is there already an authority that addresses the request?
 - ▶ Is it not a USACE core mission?
 - ▶ Can it be addressed via another route – CAP, FPMS, Silver Jackets, other agencies, etc.?



MSC Roles

- Evaluate / Review submissions
- Engage the Districts when necessary (e.g., verify authorities)
- Provide reviewed submissions to RITs (via consistent format)
- RITs – completeness check and QC lists by deadline



Headquarters Planning Roles

- New Project authorizations follow current process for inclusion (post-Chief's Report)
- Engages with RITs on final backcheck
- CECW-P compiles RITs' lists for Report and Appendix
- Submits lists to ASA(CW)
- Works with ASA(CW) staff on final edits to report and appendix



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)



Planning Modernization

Additional 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





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Planning Community Toolbox

- Home
- Planner's Library
- SMART Guide
- Project Delivery
- People
- Tools
- Processes
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About Corps Planning

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Popular Topics

- Annual Reports to Congress
- Chief's Reports
- Civil Works Review Board
- Corps Civil Works Project Planning
- Corps Planning Centers of Expertise (PCXs)
- Model Certification
- National Economic Development (NED) Manuals
- Planning and Policy SharePoint
- Planning Guidance
- Review
- SMART Planning

RSS Feeds

- Week in Review
- What's New this Month
- What is RSS? RSS allows users to create customized

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
- Economic Guidance Memorandum 15-03: Unit Day Values for Recreation for Fiscal Year 2015 (11/03/14)
- Engineer Circular 1165-2-216: Water Resource Policies and Authorities - Policy And Procedural Guidance for Processing Requests to Alter US Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Projects Pursuant to 33 USC 408 (11/03/14)
- Economic Guidance Memorandum 15-02: Current Normalized Proces (10/16/14)
- Economic Guidance Memorandum 15-01: Federal Interest Rates for Corps of

Planning Community Webinars

- All Upcoming & Recent Webinars
- Winning With People: Trained, Equipped and Capable of Solving Problems: Understanding Planning Modernization: People (10/16/14)
- Strategies for Scoping 3x3x3 Studies (10/07/14)
- Reclamation Managing Water in the West - Reclamations Water-Supply Activities (09/25/14)
- SMART Planning FY15 Interagency Projects (09/23/14)
- Planning Tools and the IWRM Suite (09/08/14)

Other News

- Chief's Report: Brazos Island Harbor Channel Improvement Project, Texas (11/12/14)
- Chief's Report: Leon Creek Watershed, San Antonio, Texas (10/27/14)
- Chief's Report: Edisto Beach, Colleton County, South Carolina, Coastal Storm Damage Reduction General Investigations Study (10/23/14)
- Updated Risk Register Examples (10/23/14)
- Question & Answer Session - SMART Planning FY15 Interagency Projects (10/16/14)



WRRDA is strictly an authorizing legislation; it does not include funding. The funding of WRRDA-authorized studies and projects is accomplished separately as part of the annual appropriations process.

Listening Sessions

The USACE will host four **listening sessions** to receive public input on the development of implementation guidance for WRRDA 2014. All public oral comments made during the listening sessions will be recorded. The focus of each listening session is for the USACE to hear from our stakeholders and the public. These will not be discussions with USACE officials, or question and answer sessions. Any attendees who are unable to participate in one or more of the listening sessions are invited to submit written comments to: wrrda@usace.army.mil.

The slides, audio recording, and written transcript of each listening session and any written comments made as part of the listening sessions will be made publicly available via the official **USACE WRRDA 2014 website**. Please note that the audio recordings, transcripts, and written comments will contain the names of those who comment, along with any other personal information he or she shares when commenting. You do not need to provide your name or other personal information. Written correspondence sent to wrrda@usace.army.mil will not be posted publicly unless the commenter indicates that they would like their emailed comments to be posted for the public.

August 13, 2014 Listening Session #1 – Deauthorizations & Backlog Prevention, Project Development & Delivery

- Slides
- Transcript
- Audio Recording

September 10, 2014 Listening Session #3 – Levee Safety, Dam Safety, Regulatory

- Instructions to Join
- Slides
- Transcript
- Audio Recording

August 27, 2014 Listening Session #2 – Alternative Financing, Credits

- Instructions to Join
- Slides
- Transcript
- Audio Recording

September 24, 2014 Listening Session #4 – Non-Federal Implementation, Water Supply & Reservoirs

- Instructions to Join
- Slides
- Transcript
- Audio Recording

Implementation Guidance

Implementation guidance of WRRDA 2014 will be published as it becomes available.

- **Implementation Guidance**
 - 03 Dec 2014 - Section 7001 added
 - 25 Nov 2014 - Section 1013 added
 - 26 Sep 2014 - Section 1050(a) added

Written Comments

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6004 a (16)	Easat Fork of Trinity River, Texas
6004 a (17)	Burnham, Canal Wisconsin
6004 a (18)	Manitowoc Harbor, Wisconsin
6004 b	Seward Waterfront, Seward, Alaska
6004 c	Port of Hood River, Oregon
6005	Land conveyances
6005 a	Oakland Inner harbor Tidal Canal, CA
6005 b	St. Charles County, Missouri Land Exchange
6005 c	Tulsa Port of Catoosa, Rogers County, Oklahoma Land Exchange
6005 d	Hammond Boat Basin, Warrenton, Oregon
6005 e	Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area
6005 f	City of Aasotin, Washington
6005 g	Generally Applicable Provisions
6005 h	Release of Use Restrictions
7001	Annual report to congress
7002	Authorization of final feasibility studies
7003	Authorization of project modifications recommended by the Secretary
7004	Expedited consideration in the House and Senate

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Summary

- WRRDA Implementation is priority and is underway
- Update PGN in parallel with WRRDA – key to planning excellence and long overdue
- WRRDA implementation leads to updated ER1165 docs in FY15
 - e.g. - Contributed Funds, Policy Digest, PCA's



Have a question?

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When it's your turn, you'll hear :
"Please ask your question after
the tone."

We will answer as many
as time allows.

For more information:
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