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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1047(b) Cooperative Management, of the Water Resources and Reform Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014), Public Law 113-121

1. Section 1047(b) of WRRDA 2014 provides discretionary authority for the Secretary to enter into agreements with state and local governments for the cooperative management of a public recreation area if the public recreation area is located at a lake or reservoir operated by the Corps of Engineers, and adjacent to or near a State or local park or recreation area, and if the Secretary determines that the cooperative management will allow for more effective and efficient management of those areas. Further, Section 1047(b) provides that the Secretary may acquire from or provide to the state or local government goods and services for the cooperative management of the areas covered by the agreement. A copy of WRRDA 2014 Section 1047(b) is enclosed (Enclosure 1).

2. Section 1047(b) of WRRDA 2014 provides authority substantially similar to currently existing USACE cooperative management and leasing authorities (e.g., 33 U.S.C. § 2328 and 16 U.S.C. § 460d). At this time, the USACE will continue to comply with existing guidance issued implementing those authorities.

3. Point of contact is Ms. Mary Coulombe, Chief Natural Resources Management. She may be reached at (503) 808-4313.

Enclosure

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Enclosure 1
WRRDA 2014 Section 1047(b)

WRRDA 2014

Sec. 1047. SPECIAL USE PERMITS

(b) COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT.—

(1) PROGRAM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary may enter into an agreement with a State or local government to provide for the cooperative management of a public recreation area if—

(i) the public recreation area is located—

(I) at a lake or reservoir operated by the Corps of Engineers; and

(II) adjacent to or near a State or local park or recreation area; and

(ii) the Secretary determines that cooperative management between the Corps of Engineers and a State or local government agency of a portion of the Corps of Engineers recreation area or State or local park or recreation area will allow for more effective and efficient management of those areas.

(B) RESTRICTION.—The Secretary may not transfer administration responsibilities for any public recreation area operated by the Corps of Engineers.

(2) ACQUISITION OF GOODS AND SERVICES.—The Secretary may acquire from or provide to a State or local government with which the Secretary has entered into a cooperative agreement under paragraph (1) goods and services to be used by the Secretary and the State or local government in the cooperative management of the areas covered by the agreement.

(3) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may enter into 1 or more cooperative management agreements or such other arrangements as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, including leases or licenses, with non-Federal interests to share the costs of operation, maintenance, and management of recreation facilities and natural resources at recreation areas that are jointly managed and funded under this subsection.

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