

Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014

USACE Listening Session I

13 August 2014



Purpose of Today's Session

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to receive public input on the development of implementation guidance for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014. This will not be a discussion with the USACE officials or a question and answer session.



WRRDA Listening Sessions

Listening Session I – August 13

- Deauthorizations & Backlog Prevention
- Project Development & Delivery (including Planning)

Listening Session II – August 27

- Alternative Financing – Contributions
- Alternative Financing – Title V
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Listening Session III – September 10

- Levee Safety
- Dam Safety
- Regulatory (including Section 408)

Listening Session IV – September 24

- Non-Federal Implementation
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Ground Rules

- Speakers are allowed 3 minutes maximum to provide comments.
- Please provide your name and organization if relevant, prior to stating your comments.
- Please indicate upfront the specific provision you are addressing.
- Reminder: The session will be recorded and transcribed, with content to be posted on the USACE WRRDA website.



WRRDA Focus Areas for August 13

Deauthorizations & Backlog Prevention:

- Sec. 6001. Deauthorization of inactive projects.
- Sec. 6003. Backlog prevention.
- Sec. 6004. Deauthorizations.

Project Development and Delivery (Including Planning):

- Sec. 1001. Vertical integration and acceleration of studies.
- Sec. 1002. Consolidation of studies.
- Sec. 1003. Expedited completion of reports.
- Sec. 1004. Removal of duplicative analyses.
- Sec. 1005. Project acceleration.
- Sec. 1010. Determination of project completion.
- Sec. 1012. Transparency in accounting and administrative expenses.
- Sec. 1013. Evaluation of project Partnership Agreements.
- Sec. 1036. Non-Federal plans to provide additional flood risk reduction.
- Sec. 1040 & 1041. Fish and wildlife mitigation and Mitigation status report.
- Sec. 1044. Independent peer review.
- Sec. 3028. Safety assurance review.
- Sec. 7001. Annual report to Congress.



Next Steps

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Thank You

Thank you for your participation in today's listening session.

Additional written suggestions or recommendations on any WRRDA provision can also be submitted by email to wrrda@usace.army.mil. We will take the comments received into consideration as we develop the implementation guidance.

The USACE WRRDA website will be updated on a regular basis as more information and implementation guidance becomes available. The website can be found at: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ProjectPlanning/legislativelinks.aspx>.

