

Intentions

of the Project to *Building Strong Collaborative Relationships for a Sustainable Water Resources Future*

This Project Intends to...	This Project Will Not...
<p>LISTEN.</p> <p>...listen intently to the voices of states and regional entities about their water resources planning and priorities.</p>	<p>ENSURE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ALWAYS LEADS IN WATER RESOURCES PLANNING.</p> <p>...declare the Federal government as the leader in water resources planning.</p>
<p>FACILITATE WATER RESOURCES WORK WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE AND APPROVED FEDERAL ROLE</p> <p>...clarify the terms and limits of the Federal role in support of states within legal bounds and prudent boundaries.</p>	<p>TAKE OVER STATES' RIGHTS AND PREOROGATIVES</p> <p>...take over states' land use planning roles and authorities.</p>
<p>MOBILIZE RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF STATES' AND REGIONS' WATER RESOURCES PLANNING</p> <p>...leverage and mobilize Federal resources in the form of a "Support to States Toolbox" that collects the best the Federal government can now offer to states and regional entities to <i>assist</i> them with their water and related resources planning. We want to work together to enhance the toolbox.</p>	<p>GUARANTEE FEDERAL FUNDING OR PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES</p> <p>...promise budget priority to individual states for specific state priorities, or influence appropriations. The Corps' project development process will remain intact until it is officially changed, including its Planning Assistance to States program.</p>
<p>OFFER PLANNING ASSISTANCE</p> <p>...provide resources that states and regional entities may voluntarily opt to use for their water resources planning.</p>	<p>IMPOSE FEDERAL PLANS</p> <p>...impose the Federal government in states' water resources planning or substitute Federal water resources plans for states' water plans.</p>
<p>FACILITATE PLANNING THAT IS MORE HOLISTIC, TRANSPARENT, RISK-INFORMED, AND INTEGRATED</p> <p>...encourage use of sound science; a systems approach; clear, objective, and</p>	<p>IMPOSE A SINGLE PLANNING PROCESS FOR A LOCALIZED IMPACT</p> <p>...espouse or impose use of methods and models that foster mainly economic benefits for limited impacts with limited</p>

<p>risk-informed decision criteria; and a broad geographic focus to define problems and solutions that can better balance economic, environmental, and social aims so as to achieve multiple and sustainable benefits that satisfy multiple stakeholders in open, honest, and sustainable ways.</p>	<p>concern for sustainability. ...address changes to the Principles and Guidelines per se.</p>
<p>PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATIVE AND DELIBERATIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT NEEDS AND PRIORITIES</p> <p>...foster inclusive dialogue and deliberations about water and related resources challenges and opportunities so as to encourage consensus-based recommendations.</p>	<p>STIPULATE PRIORITIES</p> <p>...emphasize the current budget prioritization process based on strict benefit—cost (B/C) ratios with little stakeholder input.</p>
<p>BE OBJECTIVE</p> <p>...report without bias on the information collected through reading of state water plans and related documents, interviews with state water officials, and validation by stakeholders (state officials, water specialists, and representatives of non-governmental organizations).</p>	<p>PUSH AN AGENDA</p> <p>...promote preconceived conclusions about the future direction for water resources planning and management in the nation.</p>
<p>BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO BETTER</p> <p>...finance and facilitate the opportunity to consider empirically-based water resources needs and demands within a more programmatic and systems framework based on deliberate and pragmatic collaborative recommendations that account for funding constraints.</p>	<p>STIPULATE HOW TO DO MORE WITH LESS</p> <p>...impose a preferred course of action or direction in using and conserving resources to achieve objectives.</p>
<p>BUILD STRATEGIC COALITIONS</p> <p>...develop strategic relationships that can take unified action to improve decision making toward smarter water resources planning and management in the country.</p>	<p>TOLERATE COMPETITION FOR RESOURCES</p> <p>...allow or reinforce a win-lose dynamic that promotes individual competition for resources.</p>