

Biological Objectives Stakeholder Process

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Stakeholder Role

- One of three advisory groups
 - Stakeholders
 - Regulators
 - External scientists
- Advisory, not decision-making
 - Facilitate two-way communication
 - Review, comment, suggest
 - Identify issues
 - Foster collaboration and effective program design
 - No need for consensus
- Approach similar to that used for other policies



Stakeholder Interests

Agriculture	Manufacturing / effluent dom. flows
Builders / developers	Mining
Dept. of Defense	Mosquito abatement
Environmental protection	Pesticide manufacturers
Fish hatcheries	POTWs
Flood control / municipal / stormwater	Recreation
Forestry, timber harvest	Water agencies
Hydropower & other electric utilities	Transportation
Management agencies	Tribes



Group Formation

- Kickoff meeting early 2010
 - Meeting notice widely distributed
 - Board staff presented program concept
 - Q&A with participants
- Discussion identified preliminary list of interests
- Participants caucused to identify representatives where possible and suggest others
- Group stabilized over next several months after additional phone / email contacts
- Tribal participation a particular concern



Meeting Schedule

- Two to three meetings per year
 - Depending on pace of technical work
 - Prior to each Scientific Advisory Group meeting
- Meeting frequency increasing as
 - Technical approach stabilizes
 - Implementation issues take center stage
 - Policy documents begin to be drafted



Typical Meeting Format

- Past
 - Programmatic update
 - Technical update
 - Presentation / discussion of specific technical issue(s)
 - Presentation / discussion of specific policy issue(s)
- Future
 - Series of joint meetings with Regulatory Advisory Group
 - Identification and scoping of issues related to policy implementation
 - Prepare / discuss draft language for sections of policy documents



Stakeholder Tasks

- Initial tasks
 - Review draft workplan
 - Review and suggest candidates for Science Advisory Group
- Subsequent tasks
 - Review / comment on technical approaches
 - Review / comment on draft presentations to Science Advisory Group
 - Help select and then participate in causal assessment case studies
 - Prepare draft implementation scenarios
 - Work with regulatory advisory group to define and scope implementation issues