

Unified Federal Policy - 3/14/00

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Bruce Jewell - welcome on UFP on Watershed Mgmt

Natural Resource Mgmt in South - must look  
at history of area. History of restoration  
due to past modification - 3-4 generations  
Almost total deforestation to 80% forest  
Agencies work well together in S. Man  
in Biosphere. SAA. SENatural Leadership  
Group on Sustainability. Do these things  
on a watershed basis. We have always  
done things in watersheds, but seldom  
have we managed on a watershed basis.

Beverly Banister EPA Several cooperative efforts  
cited of multagency WS cooperation.  
Multiple agency + public support. Issues  
sediment, nutrients, toxic chemicals  
Ability to expand current policies + share  
data & resources. Better stewardships  
+ decisions on a ws scale. + States  
in S working hard to meet WQ goals.  
This may help.

Ruben Hernandez TVA Has worked well to develop  
WS resources - this may help accelerate  
working with stakeholders. Focus resourc  
on specific hydrologic units

UFP - help to approve resources & stewardships

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Bill Siegers - Understanding Policy

Warren Harper - overview ~ Powerpoint Present.

Fed. Agencies need complete understanding

Unified Fed Policy 2000 - Part of CWA Action Plan

CWA Plan - accelerate cleanup of Nations Water

1 of 111 actions.

UFP - all agencies will implement within their programs

Def's Watershed Nature's boundaries for surface water resources

Watershed Assessment -

WS Approach

Goals <sup>① WS approach</sup> <sub>② cost Effective</sub> Objectives Collaboration  
WS Assesment  
WS Mgmt  
Compliance

Cooperation - formal/informal agreements

Coordinate monitoring

Share training, resources

WS Assessments - Science based Define & implement Develop

WS Approach

Larger group discussion

Difference in UFP - WS Mgmt concern - Effects

constraint imposed & then determine how to mitigate

Use WS functions to better define existing

a potential of landscape & what knowledg to better plan & utilize capability of land

Develop & start implementing by end of summer

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Good science - what is it

Breakout Mtg  
Understand Policy

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- ① Has economic impacts been looked at?
- ② Incentives for doing work
- ③ What are real objectives WQ or WS approach
- ④ How are priorities identified
- ⑤ Lead agency in implementing
- ⑥ Security <sup>info</sup> concerns looked at?

Concerns

Used for other purposes<sup>not intended</sup> as regulatory  
Prioritying ~~the~~ objectives may change  
from effects to watershed conditions  
& tell us where to go, what to do, etc.

Are we going to be able to decide priorities  
or someone else

Need flexibility for local need in landscape  
How will this interface w/ local - State programs

Opportunities

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- May reduce lawsuits
- collaboration - prioritizing
- WS Condition for focusing work - can be seen as addressing need of landscape
- analysis + information technology sharing, dialogue
- Bringing skills together to save money and do better job
- Common understanding
- Increase uniformity + decrease difference between agencies
- help w/ drainage management plans
- develop justification for actions in WS
- way to develop recognition for accomplishments

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Head Table response - we work best together  
Build on coordination already in place and  
look toward implementation

5 Experience in large scale assessments  
Many mechanisms already in place. We are  
not going to be successful w/ just Federal lands  
eg Coosa River WS  
This ultimately ~~the~~ will become priority work

