How does WRRDA help the nation get better water resources infrastructure?

- Facts
- Intent of provisions
- Implementation
- Strategy

- Business
- Local provider
- Corps
- Citizen
Reaction Profile: Skeptical Enthusiasm

Half Empty

This still won’t work
Its too late
Not enough money

Half Full

Its about time
How do we get the money
New era

Implementation will sway the balance
WRRDA Overview

- Large and complex bill
- 532 pages
- Projects and policies
- Authorization v. Appropriation
- Return the two year cycle?
Faster, Better, Cheaper
Selected Provisions in Title I

• Added funding capacity to Continuing Authorities program
• Expedited environmental reviews of federal agencies
• SMART Planning: 3 yrs, $3M, 3 concurrent levels of review
• Sunsets of future authorizations to limit backlog
• Improved mechanisms for using funds from nonfederal interests for projects
WRRDA Section 1014

Water Resources Development Projects by Non-Federal Interests (NFI)

| NFI can conduct Feasibility Studies | Expands authority beyond deep draft navigation to all water resources development projects | Implementation guidance needed
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| NFI can develop project or separable element | | Corps role variable
| | | Lessons learned from past 203 studies needed |
## WRRDA Section 1043

### Non-Federal Implementation Pilot Program

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Evaluate the effectiveness of NFI leading these projects
Influence and Control Continuum

Federal

WRDA 1986

Flood Control Act of 1936

Local

Section 211

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Final Thoughts

• WRRDA at least brings water resources on the legislative radar
• Still need to provide technically sound infrastructure – sustainable and resilient
• Clearly change is happening – problem landscape, roles
• (Naivety warning) Simple model of policy and legislation
• In the meantime, get smart about the implementation