

Feasibility Study Process Overview

SPRING 2016

Scoping

Collect information from public, agencies and others on issues to consider in meeting future municipal and industrial water supply, irrigation, and fish and wildlife water needs.



This informs the analysis of potential impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act and development of criteria to evaluate and compare alternatives that help meet project goals.

Develop & Evaluate Alternatives

- Agree on criteria for evaluating alternatives.
- Develop array of alternatives that meet study purpose, using public input and technical information on current and future water needs.
- Verify that alternatives are consistent with Corps authorities and priorities.

INFORM

Corps will share this information including how public input was considered in development of final criteria and the array of alternatives.

The study process focuses on technically and economically feasible options that meet project objectives while protecting the environment.

FALL 2017

Tentatively Selected Plan

- Identify leading alternative based on analysis and the draft NEPA review.
- TSP advances for more detailed evaluation and public, technical, legal and policy reviews.



The Tentatively Selected Plan and related documents available for public review. The Corps and OWRD will host discussions to share information and receive comments.

2018

Agency Decision

Rigorous senior-level Corps review of cost, engineering, environmental and economic benefits.

Civil Works Review Board

Decides if documentation and Report ready for next required reviews.

Chief's Report

- Signifies completion of Corps' feasibility process. Accompanies documentation for state and federal agency review.
- Sent to Assistant Secretary of the Army and U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Congress

Provides authorization to implement the final recommendation.

No timeline for this final step.

Public communication continues through the project.



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