

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT – PLANNING CENTER OF EXPERTISE (FRM-PCX)

FRM-PCX WEBINAR SERIES #1

PROBLEMS, OPPORTUNITIES, OBJECTIVES, AND CONSTRAINTS (POOC'S) & FUTURE WITHOUT-PROJECT CONDITIONS (FWOP)

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FRM-PCX – WE'RE HERE TO HELP!!!

...BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO!

➤ **The Goal:**

- Timely webinars on specific topics that can help you and your FRM study RIGHT NOW!
- Provide individual presentations/training to teams on specific topics relevant for your FRM study
- Provide individual support to teams to help work through specific FRM challenges



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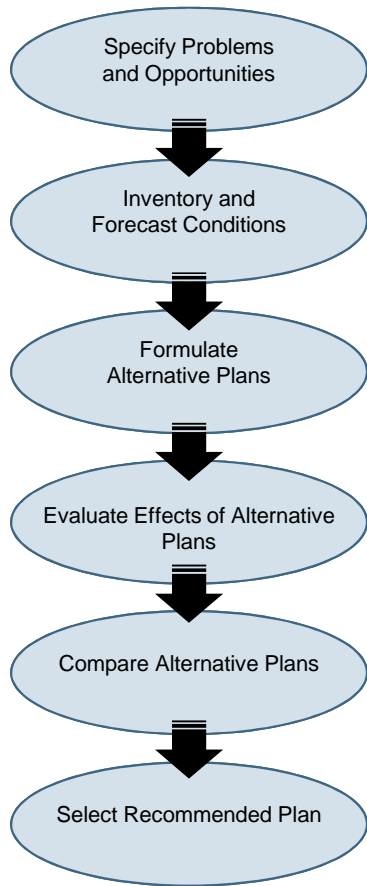
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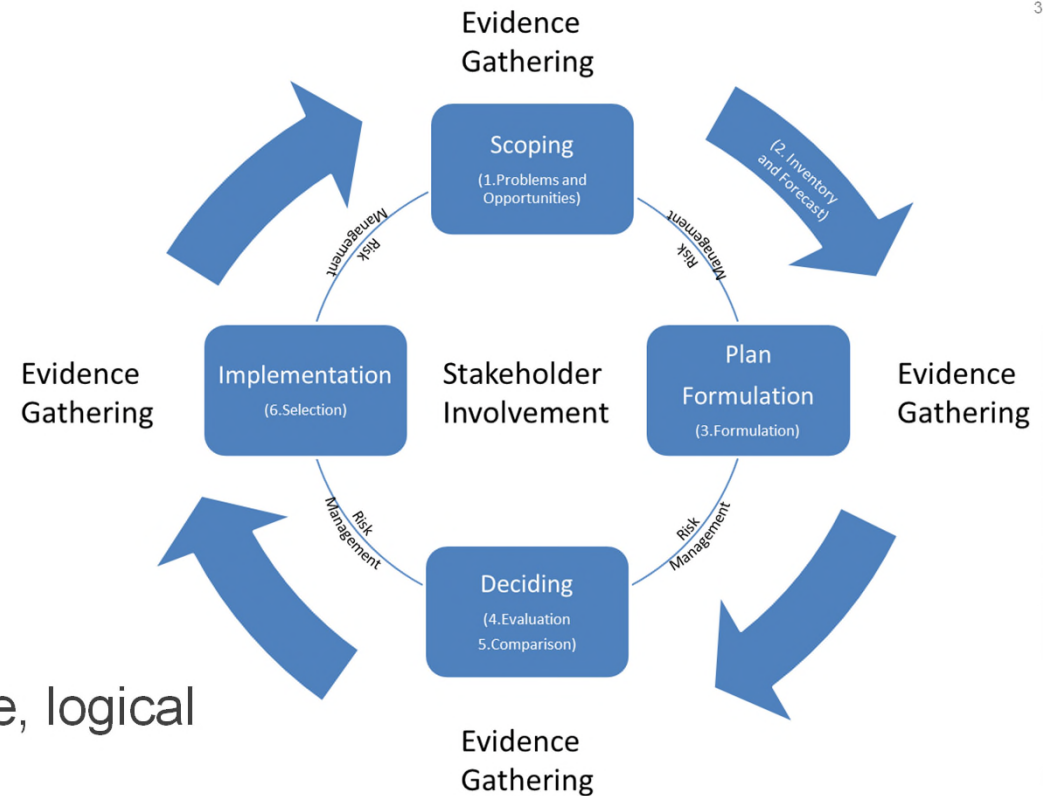
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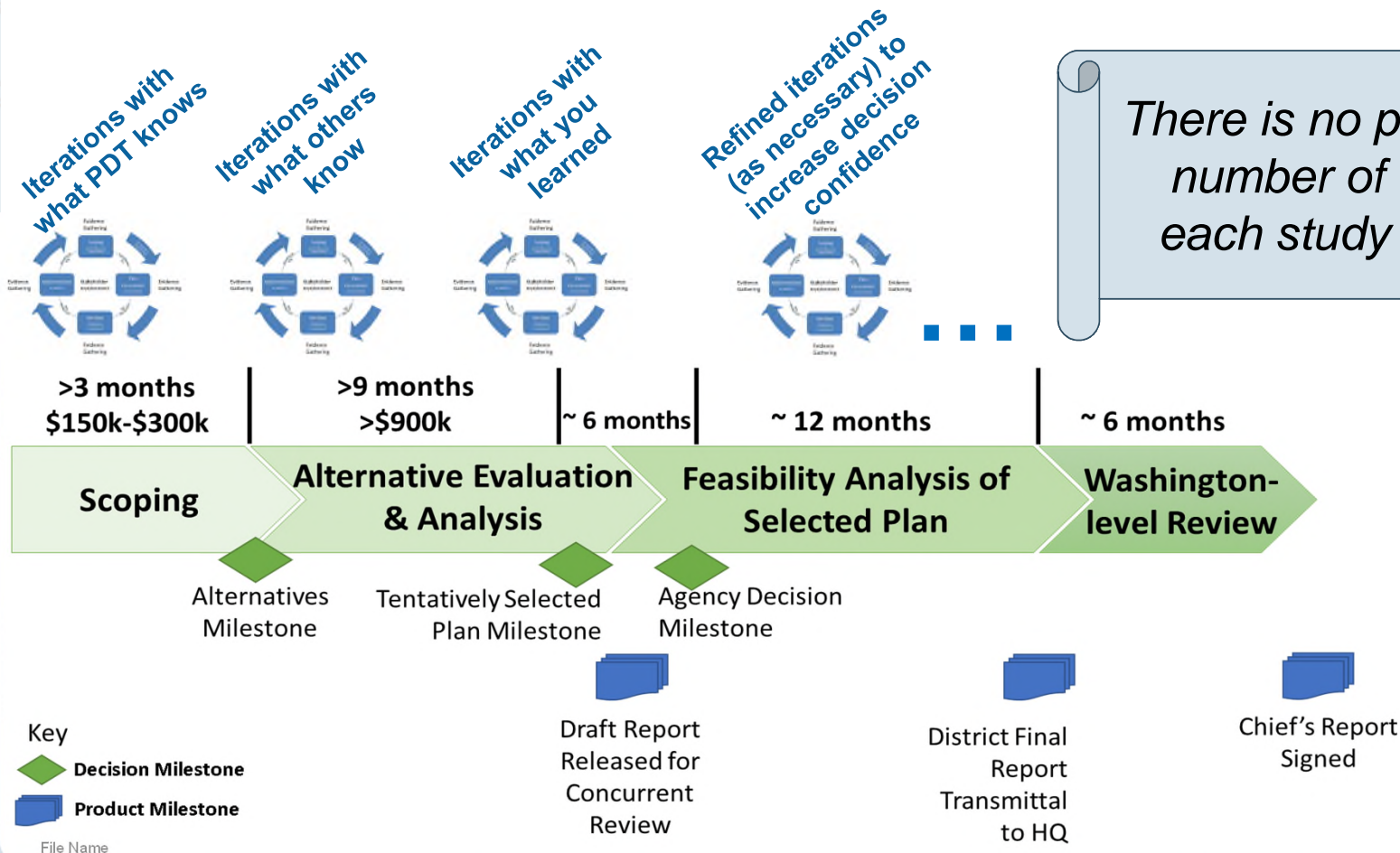
THE PLANNING PROCESS



- Planning is an iterative, logical process
- Revisit previous steps as we learn
- Adjust as we move forward
- Conduct multiple iterations – as many as needed!



ITERATE THE SIX-STEP PLANNING PROCESS AND GATHER EVIDENCE TO REDUCE UNCERTAINTY AND MANAGE RISK



There is no prescribed “correct number of total iterations,” each study will be different!

WHAT DO YOU FIND TO BE THE MOST CHALLENGING IN FRM?

PROBLEMS

OPPORTUNITIES

OBJECTIVES

CONSTRAINTS

PROBLEMS ARE IN THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER



PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES = RISK IDENTIFICATION

- There is an increased risk of **damage to property.**
- There is an increased risk to **loss of life.**



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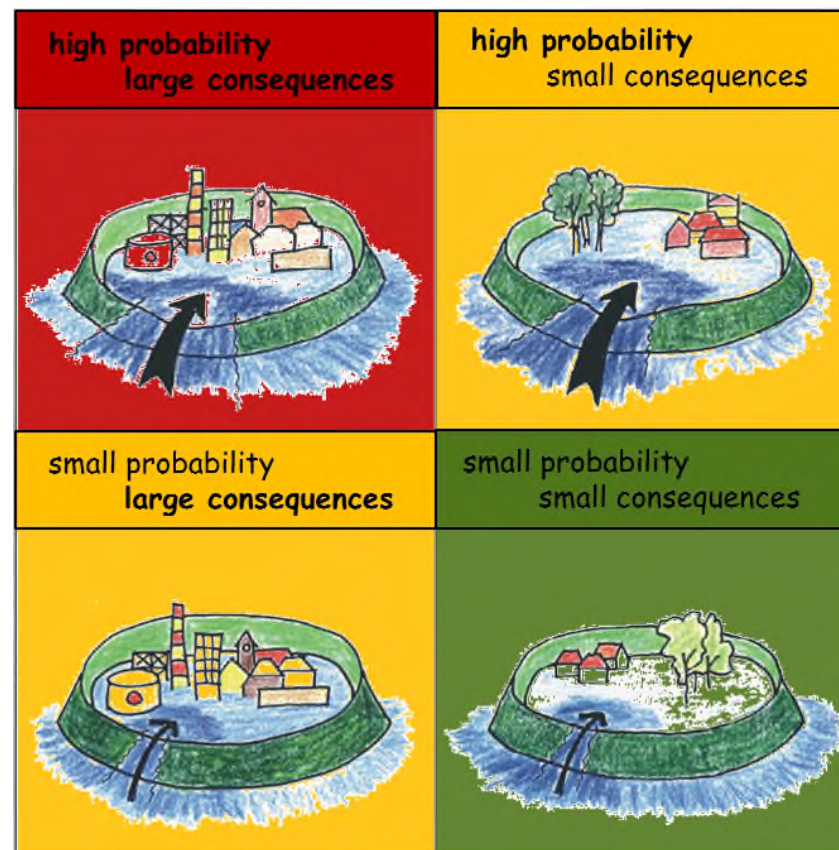


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PROBLEM DEFINITION

- Problem definition can be expanded to identify the nature, cause, location, dimensions, origin, time frame, and importance of the problem, as well as an indication of who considers this a problem.
- Generally negative and reflects current conditions
- Consider how problems may change over time



PITFALLS TO AVOID IN PROBLEM DEFINITION

1. No focus--definition too vague or broad.
 - Example: There is a serious flooding problem in the watershed.
2. Focus is misdirected - definition is too narrow.
 - Example: How can we prevent flooding of the Hospital District?
3. Statement is assumption-driven.
 - Example: How can we prevent harmful human disturbances in the floodplain?
4. Statement is solution driven.
 - Example: Downtown Turkeyneck needs a higher levee.



SO WHAT?



Sigh, I've
heard this
before!



PROBLEMS - REAL EXAMPLES

Not so good:

- The XYZ River suffers from watershed level degradation and instability.
- Flooding downstream of the reservoirs on Bob's Bayou (Dam Surcharge Releases and from other non-impounded rainfall)
- Flooding Upstream of the reservoirs from impoundment of water above government owned land.

PROBLEM STATEMENT BREAKDOWN

“The XYZ River suffers from watershed level degradation and instability”

1. What's the problem here?
2. Management measures listed to solve this problem were:
 1. Channel widening
 2. Bank stabilization
 3. New levee
 4. Flood proofing of structures

IMPROVED PROBLEM STATEMENT

“The urban portions of Wonkaville are at risk of flooding from systemic erosion threatening the existing levees of the XYZ River resulting in extensive damage to residential and commercial property and increasing risk to life safety due to its deep floodplain.”



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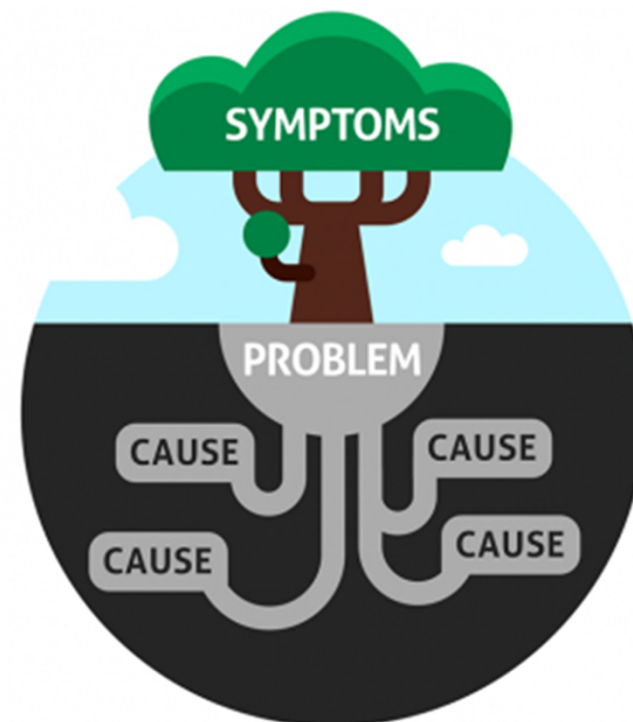


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CONCEPTUAL MODEL DEFINITION

- The activity of describing the physical and social world for the purposes of understanding and communication.
- Enhances understanding of the representative system
- Facilitates efficient communication of system details between stakeholders
- Provides a point of reference for planners to study the system
- Documents the system for future reference and provides a means for collaboration



CONCEPTUAL FRM MODEL

Hazard

Altered hydrology and landforms

High flow from mountain runoff

Performance (Effect)

Inundating structures

Inundating freeway

Exposure and Vulnerability

Damage to structure and contents

Loss of home for residence

Increase of risk to health and safety

Loss of use of freeway for commerce

Consequences

Economic damages

Human health & safety

Transportation damages

Metrics

Structural damages (\$)

Content damages (\$)

Exposed and Vulnerable Population (#)

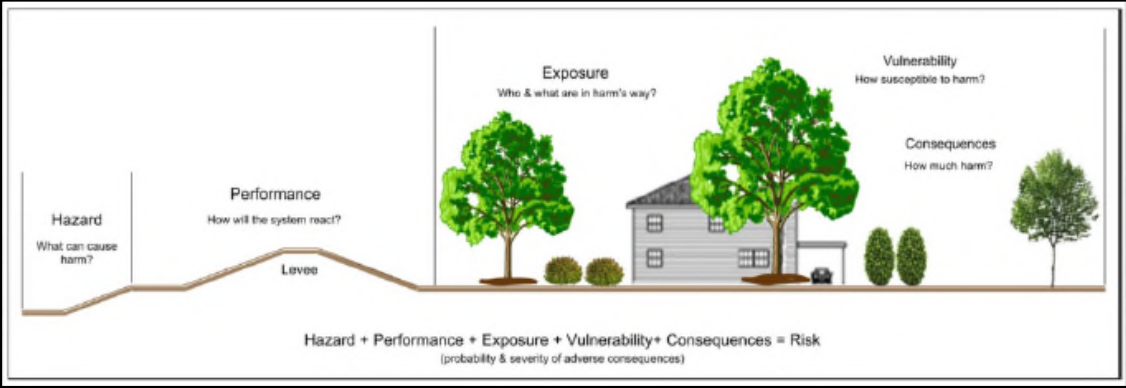
Regional Economic Damages (RED) (\$) or NED (\$)

HOW DOES THIS HELP THE PDT?

- Provides clear path from problem to effects
- Helps identify metrics critical to evaluation
- Provides clear documentation on problem ID and helps with formulation and evaluation strategies
- Identifies potential opportunities



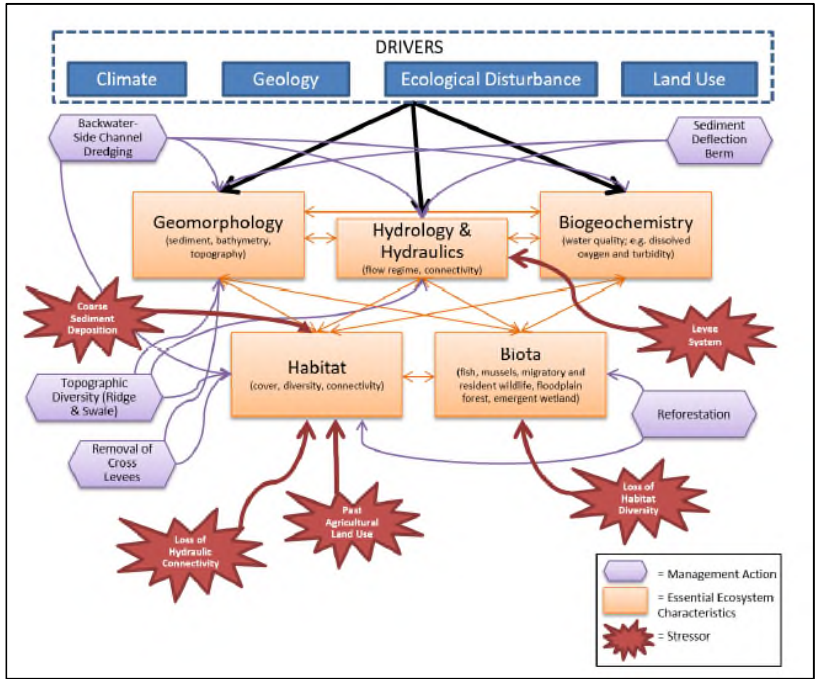
SOME ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS



Alt	Percent Available	Percent To Bridge	Bridge	Bridge To Mainline	W. Mainline	W. Mainline To
2	FULL	4	4	4	FULL	CLASS I
3	FULL	4	4	2	FULL	CLASS II
4	FULL	4	4	2	PARTIAL	CLASS II
5	PARTIAL	2*	4	2	PARTIAL	CLASS II

Handwritten notes and diagrams below the table:

- Arrows indicating flow between components.
- Sketches of bridge structures and levees.
- Labels like "Arrows - Percent Loss", "E. Mainline", "Mainline", "Bridge", "Levee", "Channel", "Sediment", "Topography", "Hydrology", "Biota", "Habitat", "Geomorphology", "Hydrology & Hydraulics", "Biogeochemistry", "Levee System", "Reforestation", "Loss of Hydraulic Connectivity", "Past Agricultural Land Use", "Loss of Habitat Diversity".



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SUMMARY OF PROBLEM STATEMENTS

- Clear problem statements lead to better solutions
- Perceive/characterize problems as risks
- Better understanding of the system makes for better problem statements
- Avoid being too broad, too narrow, basing them on assumptions, or including solutions.
- Use photos or graphics to illustrate the problem.



OPPORTUNITIES

- A favorable juncture of circumstances; a good chance for advancement or progress
- May also be additional ideas, not related to the problems
- Typical opportunities in FRM are:
 - Additional recreation
 - Improved water quality
 - Incidental ecosystem restoration
 - Integration with other Federal, State and local initiatives.



OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOT THE REVERSE OF PROBLEMS!

Problem:

“There is catastrophic flooding in Turkeyneck, OK”



Opportunity:

“We can reduce flooding in Turkeyneck, OK”



OBJECTIVES AND OUR PROBLEM STATEMENTS

- Objectives should be flexible, measurable, attainable, and congruent
- Objectives refine our problem statements into achievable actions. But they should not be a specific action!
- It is acceptable to solve only a part of the problem – so our objectives should make that clear.
- Use the formula – Include the subject, effect, location, timing, and duration in objective statements

EXAMPLES

Not so good:

- Optimize the reservoir operations
- Optimize/improve/safely convey detained water

Good:

- Reduce the risk of flooding in the study area as measured by the reduction in EAD, the exposed/vulnerable population, life safety concerns and availability of evacuation routes.
- Reduce the impacts to critical infrastructure in the study area measured by the reduction in damages and availability of emergency facilities during flood events
- Encourage wise use of the flood plain measured by the strength of the Floodplain Management plan.



POP QUIZ ON OBJECTIVES

- Do all identified problems need to have corresponding objectives?

YES

NO

- Can our study be single purpose but at the same time be multi-objective?

YES

NO

CONSTRAINTS

A constraint is basically a restriction that limits the extent of the planning process.



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CONSTRAINTS - REAL EXAMPLES

Not so good:

- Local economic constraints preclude alternatives with extensive O&M requirements.
- Project must be technically feasible, economically justified and environmentally acceptable.
- Project must not induce additional upstream or downstream damages



Good:

- Plans must not violate the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) restrictions regarding increased risk of bird strikes associated with providing additional bird habitat in the area of the Lockjaw Regional Airport.
- Avoid or minimize impacts to the habitat of the endangered Pallid Seersucker in the Wonka River over the fifty year period of analysis

AND NOW THIS PAUSE...

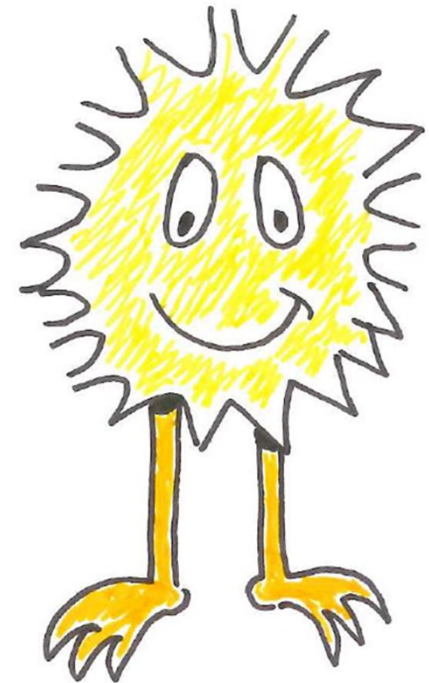


- If it precludes us from identifying the NED Plan, it's probably NOT a constraint!



SUMMARY OF THE POOC'S

- Problem definition should state the nature, cause, location, dimensions, origin, time frame, and importance of the problem, as well as an indication of who considers this a problem.
- Review and revise problem statements throughout the study as you accumulate data.
- Look for opportunities not related to your problems.
- Don't overly constrain your plan formulation. Keep the NED in mind.



QUESTIONS ON POOC'S?

- We'll pause for about 5 minutes to answer any questions on the POOC's.



FUTURE WITHOUT-PROJECT CONDITIONS (FWOP)



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FWOP CONCEPTS IN RISK INFORMED PLANNING

- What is the FWOP?
 - How the study area (and related FRM problems) will change over time without any Federal Action
 - Basis of comparison for all alternative plans
- Evidence gathering and forecasting
 - Describing scenarios
 - Data gathering
 - Determining appropriate level of detail
 - Comparison analysis
 - Developing appropriate analytical tools



"How's my end of year looking?"

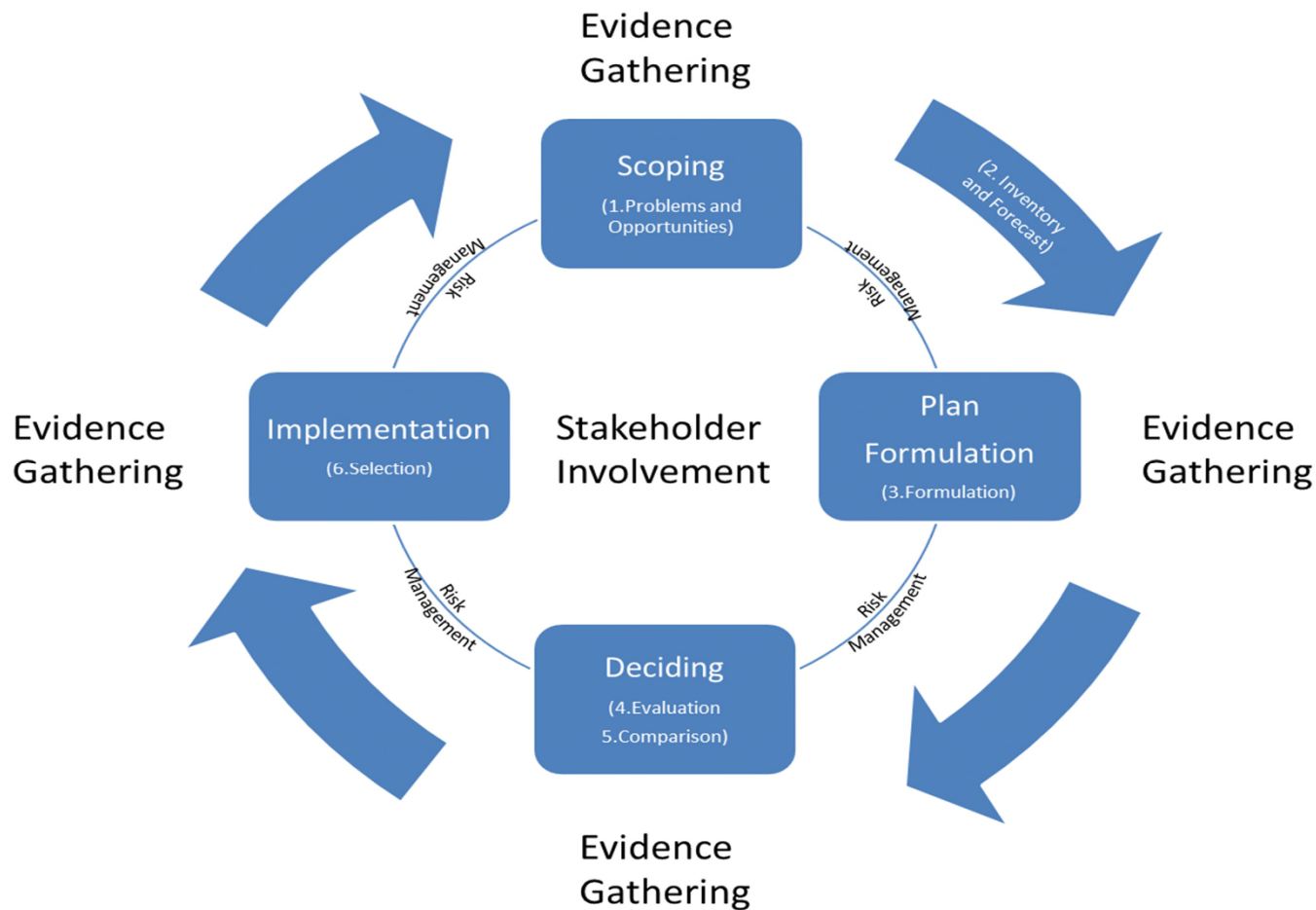


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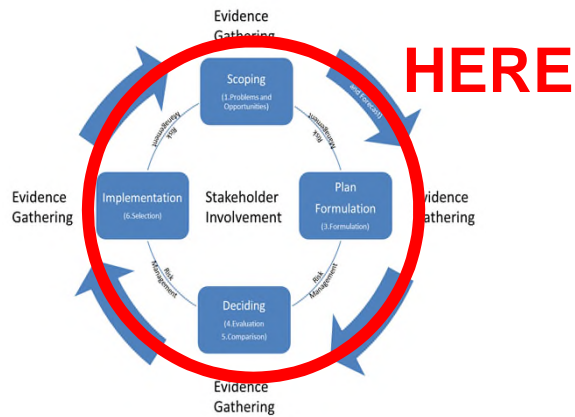
WHEN DO WE DEVELOP THE FWOP?

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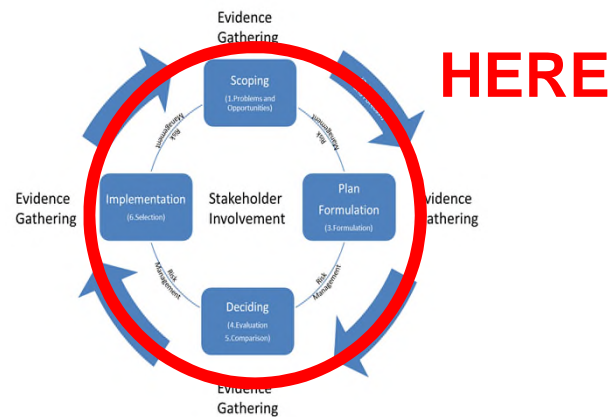


...OR MAYBE A BETTER WAY TO THINK ABOUT WHEN WE DEVELOP/REFINE FWOP...

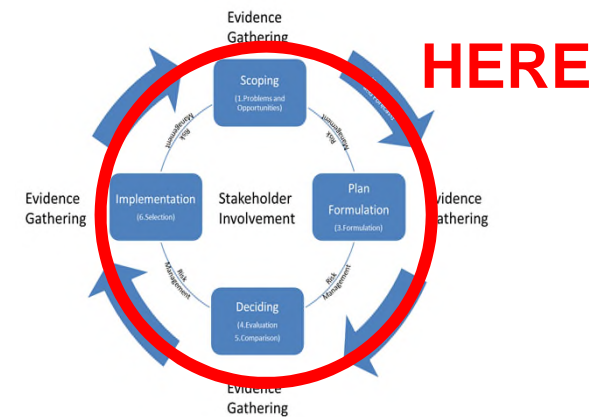
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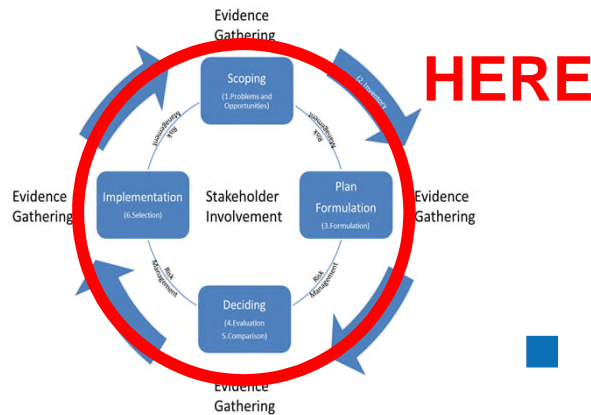
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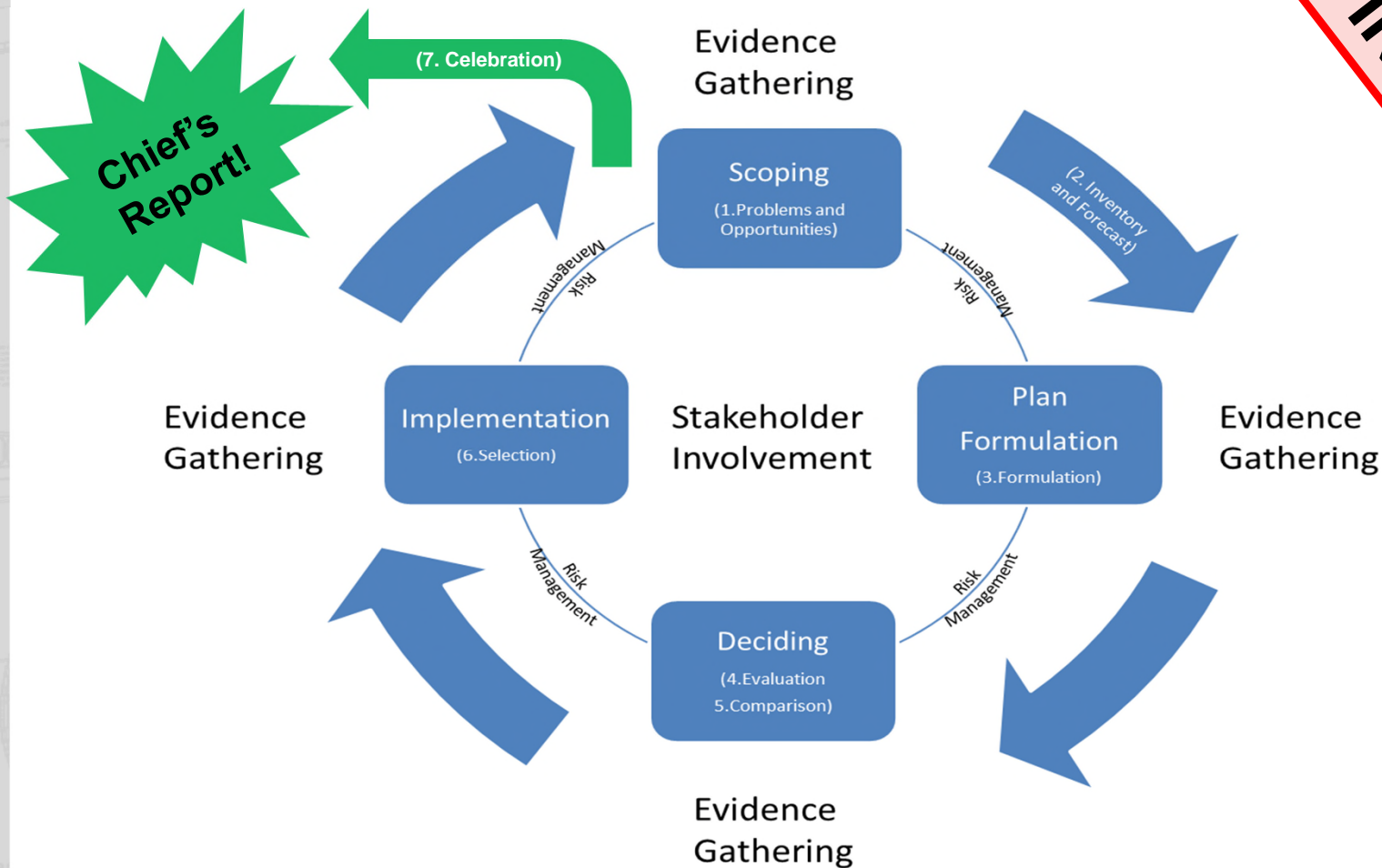
3RD ITERATION



4TH ITERATION...AND BEYOND



WHEN DO WE DEVELOP THE FWOP?



EVIDENCE GATHERING

1. Scenarios

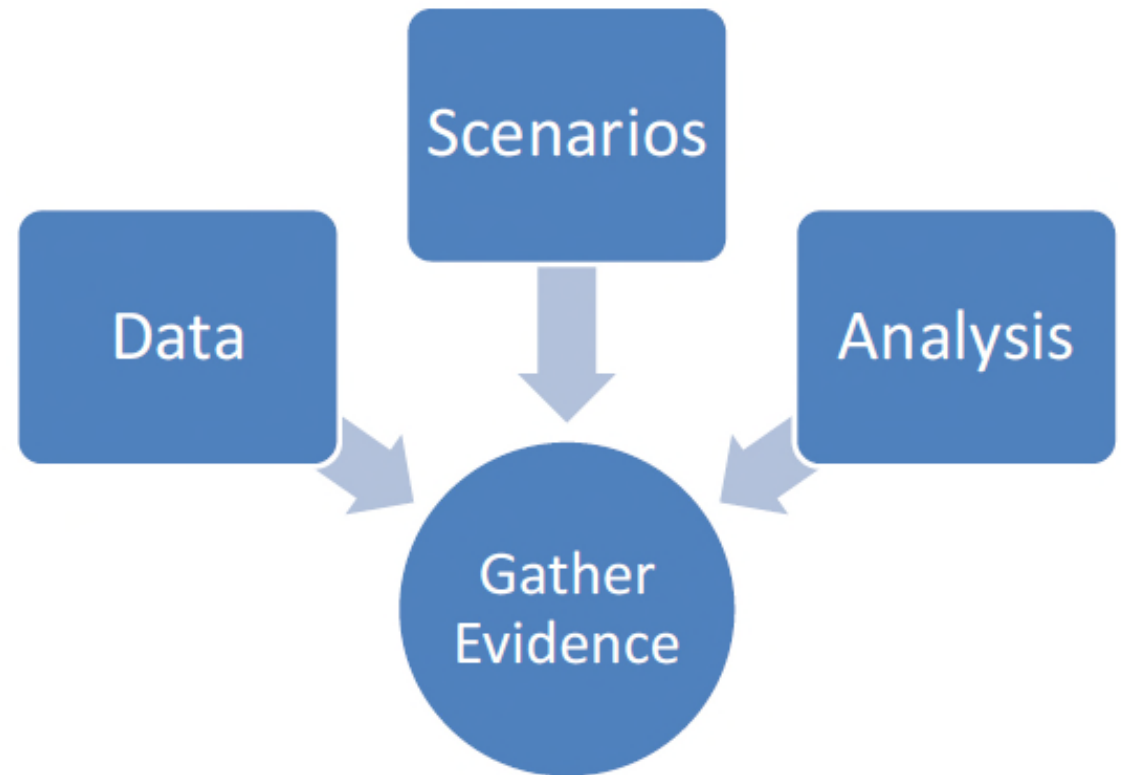
- Describe historic, existing and future conditions
- Based on assumptions of how uncertainties manifest

2. Data gathering

- Type of data needed
- How much is enough?

3. Analysis of evidence

- Quantifying the scenario(s)
- Accounting for uncertainty



HISTORIC AND EXISTING SCENARIOS

➤ Why Historic?

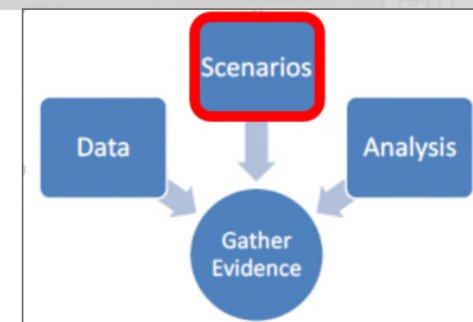
- Better understand trends and problems of the system
- Helps to inform future scenario development
- Helps explain significance of your project



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➤ Why Existing?

- Verifiable!
- Better describe and confirm problems and opportunities
- Identify and reduce critical uncertainties
- Make comparisons to with- and without-project scenarios
- Helps explain significance of your project
- Make risk-informed decisions!



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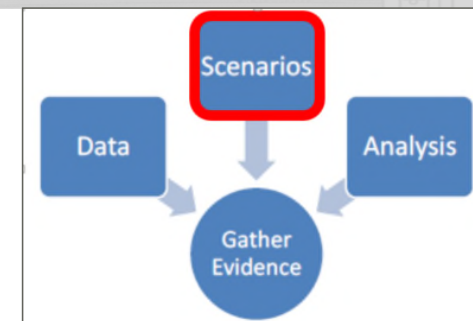
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FUTURE WITHOUT-PROJECT CONDITION SCENARIO(S)

- Single most important scenario!
 - Basis of comparison for alternatives
- Primarily a qualitative effort for initial iterations
 - Identify data gaps and where to focus gathering additional data for quantitative analysis



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- Assumptions – trends, actions by others
 - Will FRM problems get worse or better without Federal action?
- May have more than one future without project scenario
 - Examples – sea level rise, inland hydrology analysis

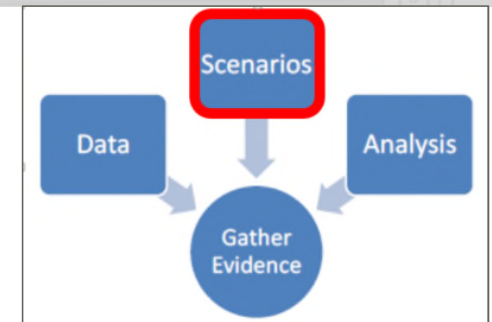


FORECASTING

- What is a forecast?
 - Potential future reality
 - Period of Analysis vs. Project Life
- Why do we forecast?
 - Anticipate future conditions
 - Understand benefits of the project
 - Identify & adapt to uncertainties
- Uncertainty
 - Always a part of forecasting
 - Embrace it!

❖ Typical forecasts in FRM:

- ❖ Hydrology
- ❖ Hydraulics
- ❖ Climate Change
- ❖ Sea Level Change
- ❖ Structure value
- ❖ Regional economics
- ❖ Population Growth
- ❖ Exposed/Vulnerable Population
- ❖ Local Development Plans
- ❖ Land Use Changes
- ❖ Habitat
- ❖ Water supply
- ❖ Infiltration
- ❖ State/local actions



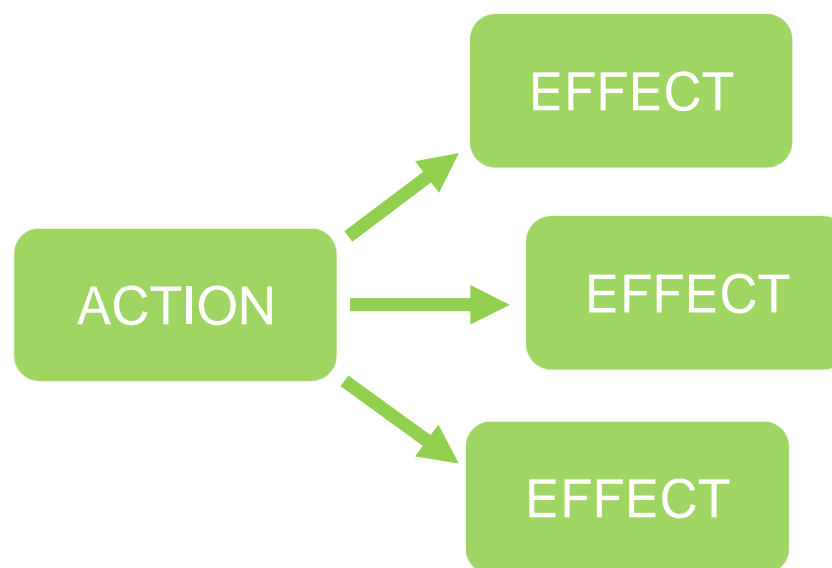
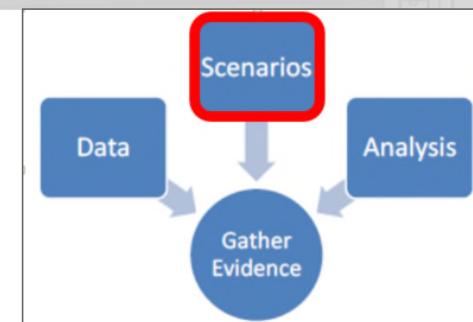
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FUTURE WITH PROJECT SCENARIO(S)

- Most likely future condition if a plan of action is taken
 - Hydrology, Hydraulics, Economics, Geotech, Environmental
 - Will existing agricultural land be developed?
 - How will the regional economy be affected?
 - Will there be downstream or upstream impacts?
 - What is the residual risk?
- Purpose of the with-condition scenario is provide the narrative for evaluating the plan's effects
- Different with-condition for each plan
- Account for uncertainty in the with condition scenarios
- Document assumptions along the way and TELL YOUR STORY!



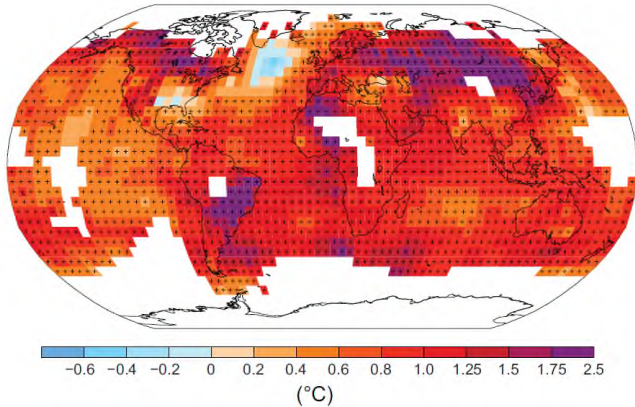
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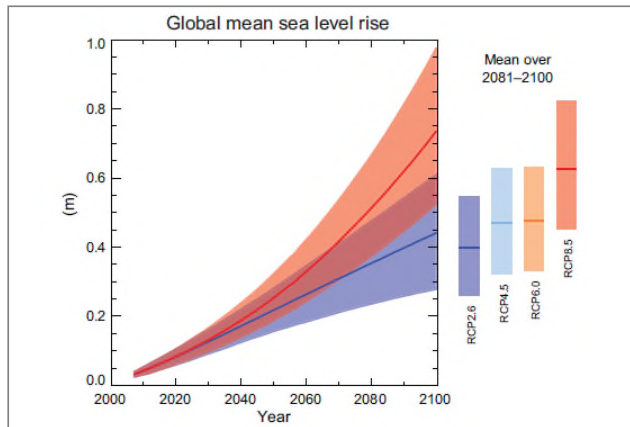
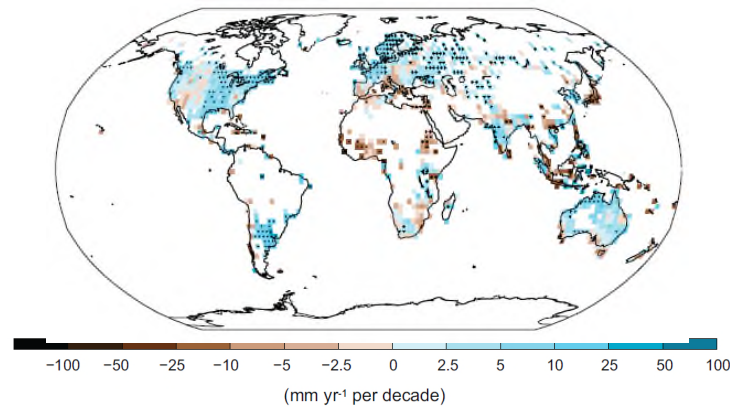
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FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS – CLIMATE AND SEA LEVEL CHANGE

Observed change in surface temperature
1901 - 2012



Observed change in annual precipitation over land
1901 - 2010



Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
(IPCC 2013)

- Ocean levels and pH
- Temperature patterns
- Precipitation patterns
- Weather patterns
- Storms

➤ <https://www.usace.army.mil/corpsclimate/>



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PLANNING WITH UNCERTAINTY – SEA LEVEL CHANGE

Sea Level Change ER1100-2-8162

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Regulation
No. 1100-2-8162

31 December 2013

INCORPORATING SEA LEVEL CHANGE

USACE Sea Level Change Curve Calculator (2017.55)

Project Name:

Select NOAA Gauge:

Scenarios:

Output Units:

Critical Elevation #1 (ft):

Critical Elevation #2 (ft):

SLC Rate: or enter rate (ft/yr)

Display Data:

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Information:

Project Start Year:

Interval Year:

Project End Year:

Output Datum:

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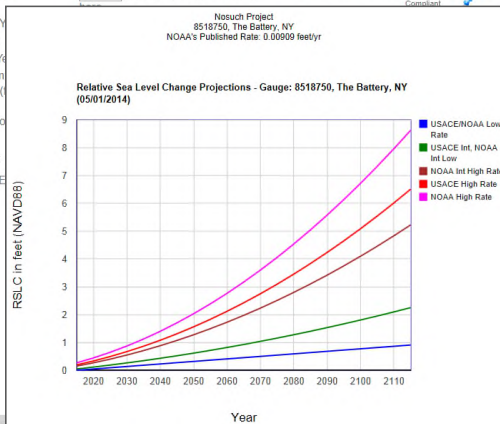
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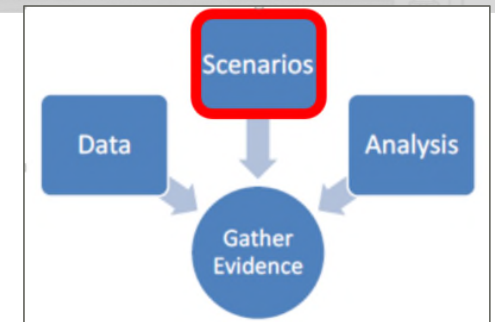


Requirements:

- If SLC is applicable for your study area:
 - Evaluate all Alts vs. all three USACE SLC scenarios
- OR
- Formulate under one SLC scenario, with sensitivity for the others

➤ USACE Tools!:

- https://www.usace.army.mil/corpsclimate/Public_Tools_Dev_by_USACE/sea_level_change/



➤ The Goal:

- Bracket uncertainty
- Show robustness and adaptive capacity
- Document assumptions, methods and results



PLANNING WITH UNCERTAINTY – INLAND CLIMATE CHANGE

Inland Hydrology ECB 2018-14



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ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

No. 2018-14 Issuing Office: CECW-EC Issued: 10 Sep 18 Expires: 10 Sep 20

SUBJECT: Guidance for Incorporating Climate Change Impacts to Inland Hydrology in Civil Works Studies, Designs, and Projects.

CATEGORY: Guidance.

1. **References.** See Attachment D.

2. **Purpose.** This Engineering and Construction Bulletin (ECB) reissues and updates the policy in ECB 2016-25 (reference a), Guidance for Incorporating Climate Change Impacts to Inland Hydrology in Civil Works Studies, Designs, and Projects. This ECB is effective immediately and applies to all hydrologic analyses supporting planning and engineering decisions having an extended service time frame (i.e., not focused on short-term management decisions). It provides guidance on the process for incorporating climate change impacts into hydrologic studies and the use of the Climate Hydrology Assessment Tool - PROD.



3. In releasing this Engineering and Construction Bulletin 2018-25, Guidance for Incorporating Climate Change Impacts to Inland Hydrology in Civil Works Studies, Designs, and Projects, USACE took the first step toward developing policy and guidance around projected changes to climate hydrology and how these changes might affect water resources project planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The qualitative analysis required by this ECB includes consideration of both past (observed) changes as well as potential future (projected) changes to relevant hydrologic inputs. A first-order statistical analysis of the potential impacts to particular hydrologic elements of the study can be included as supplemental input to this qualitative assessment, but is not required.

However, this analysis can be very useful in considering future without project conditions (FWOP) and the potential direction of climate change. The techniques required to obtain the data for the statistical analysis can be cumbersome and the multiple steps required could introduce errors that might adversely impact the results and the interpretations and decisions made based on these results.

Because the intent of ECB 2016-25 is to provide information about future conditions useful to decision-makers, we decided to develop a web-accessible tool to allow USACE staff to easily access both existing and projected climate. This allows districts across the country to develop repeatable analytical results using consistent information. In doing so, we reduce potential error and speed the development of information so that it can be used earlier in the decision-making process, ideally in the development of risk registers.

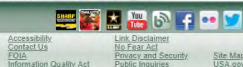
This tool steps user through the process of developing information shown in the figures of Appendix C, and supplies graphics suitable for use in a report.

- Trend detection in observed annual peak instantaneous streamflow. Here the user selects the desired HUC-4 watershed and obtains data for the desired USGS gauge using the pick list or the map. Hovering over a spot on the map provides information on the gauge and a link to open the gauge data in a separate window. The graphics reproduce Figure C-1 and include a trend line. Hovering over the trend line provides the equation for the line and also an indication of significance.

- Climate-modeled projected annual maximum monthly flow range. This tab provides a graphic of the projected climate-changed hydrology for the selected HUC-4 watershed that reproduces Figure C-3. The range of the 53 projections of annual maximum monthly flow is shown in yellow, just as it is in Figure C-3. The mean of the 53 projections of annual maximum monthly flow is shown in blue.

- Trend detection in annual maximum monthly flow models. This tab provides a graphic including the statistical analysis of the mean of the projected annual maximum monthly streamflow projections for the selected HUC-4 watershed, reproducing Figure C-4. Hovering over the trend line provides the equation for the line and also an indication of significance.

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Requirements:

- Qualitative (using USACE tools) assessment of potential project vulnerabilities
- If Climate Change will be incorporated into FWOP baseline, prior approval from CP&R CoP required.



➤ The Goal:

- To consider and incorporate uncertain climate change impacts in hydrologic studies
- Document assumptions, methods and results
- USACE Tools!:

➤ https://www.usace.army.mil/corpsclimate/Public_Tools_Dev_by_USACE/Climate-Impacted_Hydrology/



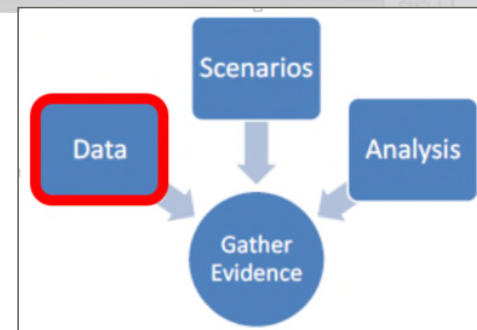
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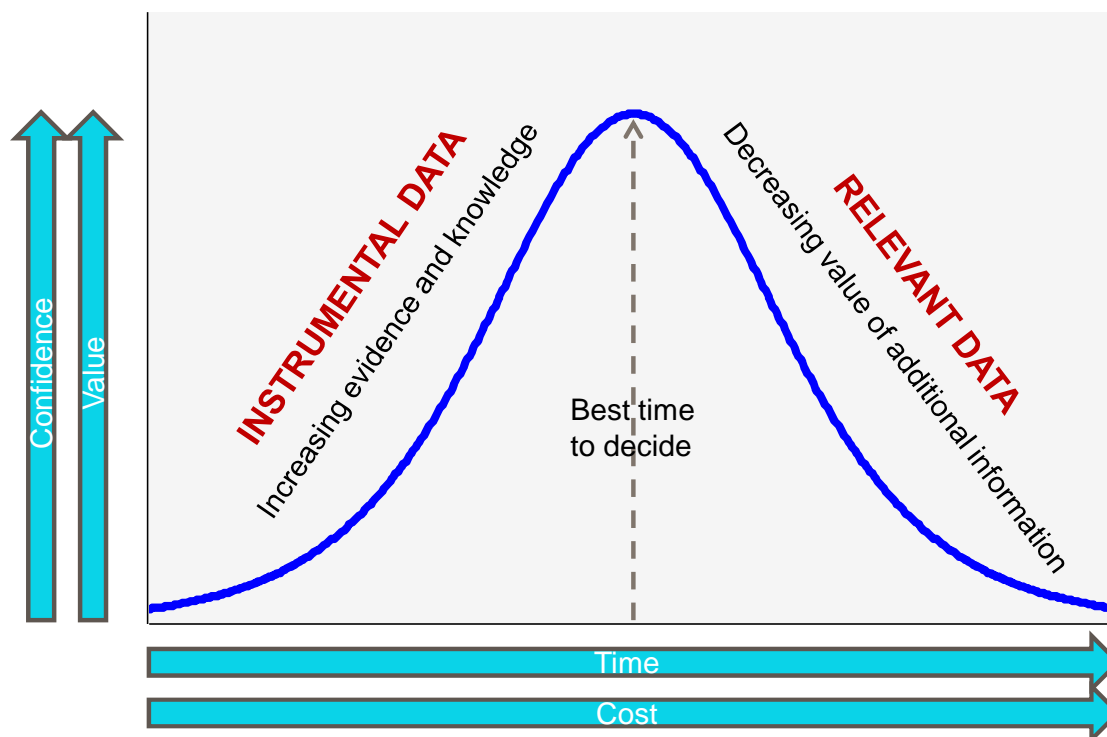
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INSTRUMENTAL VS. RELEVANT UNCERTAINTY

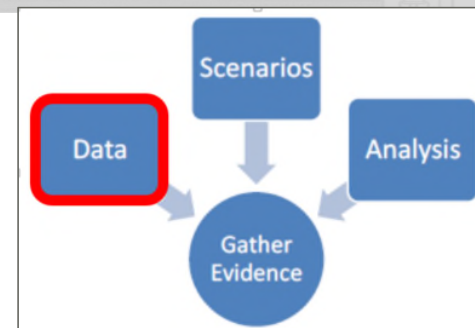
- **Instrumental uncertainty** refers to things that could affect the decision
 - We want to focus time and budget on increasing level of detail to reduce instrumental uncertainty
- **Relevant uncertainty** refers to things people may care about but will not change the decision
 - Reducing relevant uncertainty can feel essential to some
- We should utilize the **Risk Register** to help determine instrumental vs. relevant uncertainty



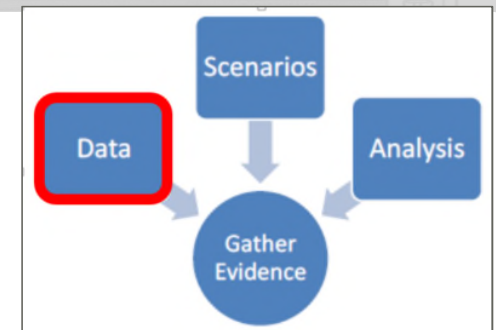
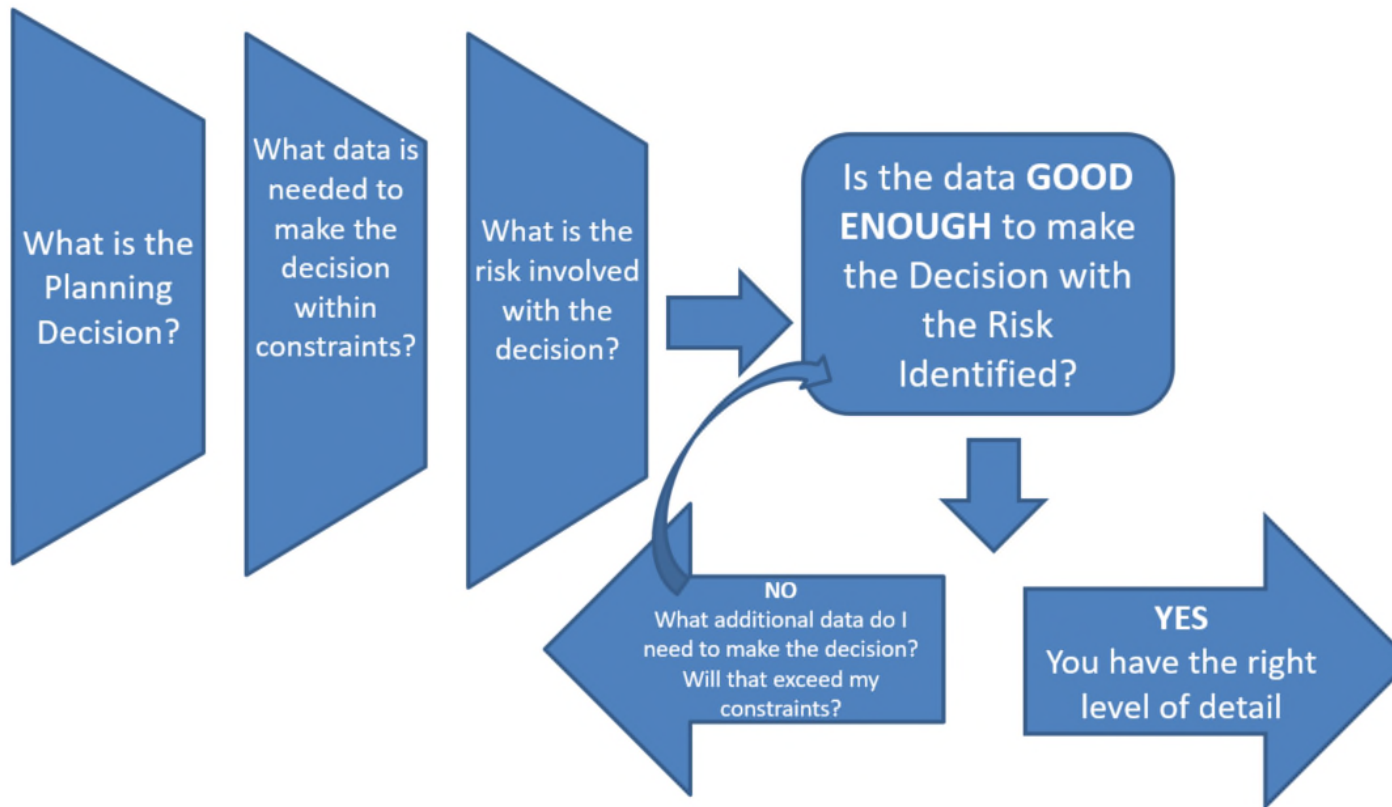
REDUCING UNCERTAINTY STRATEGICALLY



- Challenge of balancing time, effort, and expense of more evidence to reduce uncertainty vs. risks of making decisions



APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF DETAIL?



EXAMPLE – FRM LEVEL OF DETAIL

- Current Planning Phase: 1st iteration of the FWOP and formulation of alternatives for AMM.
- Relevant existing information: Existing topography is 15 years old and accurate within ± 3 feet.
- Level of Detail Decision: Do we need to begin development of a more refined topography for the floodplain modeling to support future analysis of FWOP baseline economic damages.

- **Does this have the potential to be instrumental uncertainty?**

YES

NO

- **Do we have enough information to make this decision at this phase?**

YES

NO

EXAMPLE (NEXT ITERATION) – FRM LEVEL OF DETAIL

- Current Planning Phase: 2nd iteration of the FWOP and formulation of alternatives for AMM.
- Relevant existing information: Existing topography is 15 years old and accurate within ± 3 feet.
- Level of Detail Decision: Do we need to begin development of a more refined topography for the floodplain modeling to support future analysis of FWOP baseline economic damages.
 - H&H estimates that urban flooding would be anywhere from 1-2 feet for frequent events and 4-7 feet for infrequent events
 - 20,000 structures in the floodplain, built slab on grade
 - It will cost \$100k and 6 months to refine the topography
 - Farming activity has altered some ground elevations near town $\pm 1-2$ feet within the last 15 years.

- **Is this instrumental uncertainty?**

YES

NO

- **Do we have enough information to make this decision now?**

YES

NO

EXAMPLE (ALTERNATE UNIVERSE) – FRM LEVEL OF DETAIL

- Current Planning Phase: 2nd iteration of the FWOP and formulation of alternatives for AMM.
- Relevant existing information: Existing topography is 15 years old and accurate within ± 3 feet.
- Level of Detail Decision: Do we need to begin development of a more refined topography for the floodplain modeling to support future analysis of FWOP baseline economic damages.
 - H&H estimates that urban flooding would be anywhere from **12-15 feet** for frequent events and **20-25 feet** for infrequent events
 - **The flood of record was 10 years ago with average depths of 24 feet.**
 - 20,000 structures in the floodplain, built slab on grade
 - It will cost \$100k and 6 months to refine the topography
 - Farming activity has altered some ground elevations near town $\pm 1-2$ feet within the last 15 years.

- **Is this instrumental uncertainty?**

YES

NO

- **Do we have enough information to make this decision now?**

YES

NO

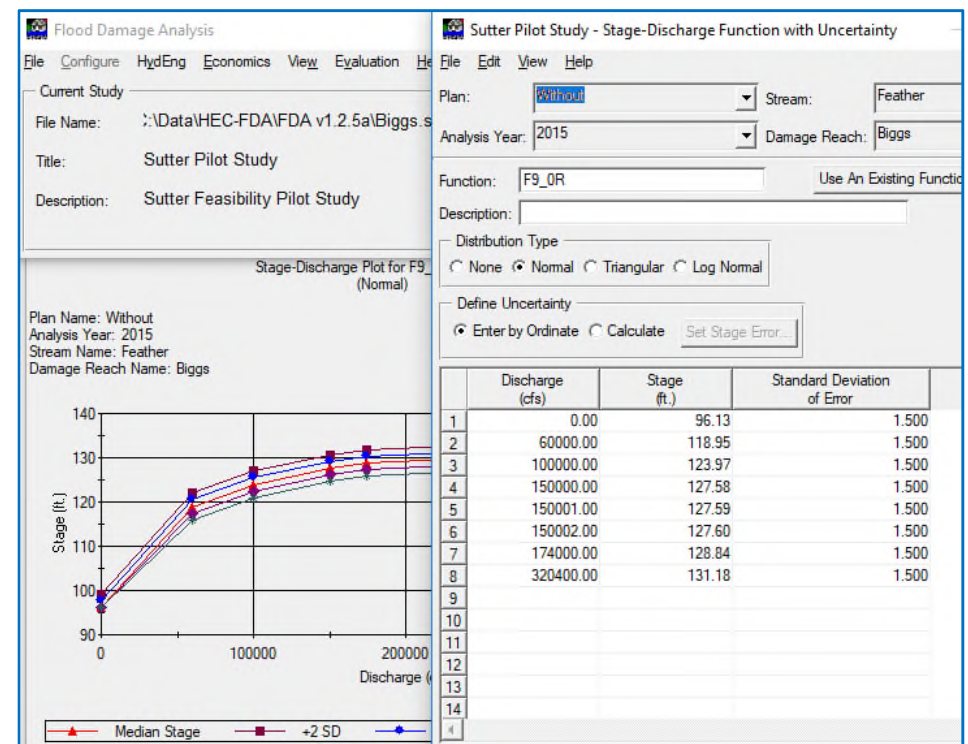
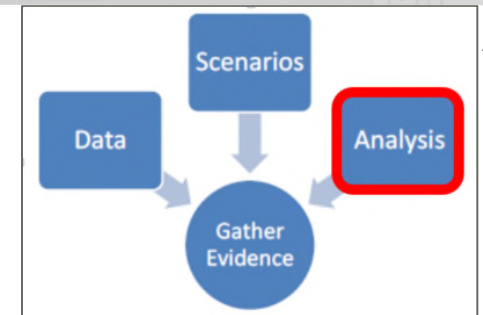


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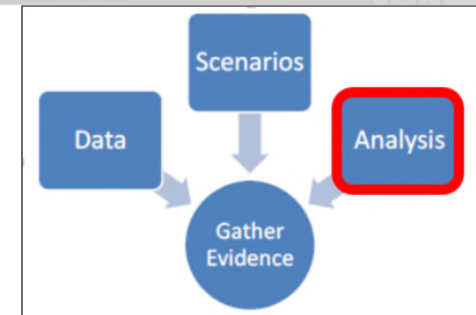
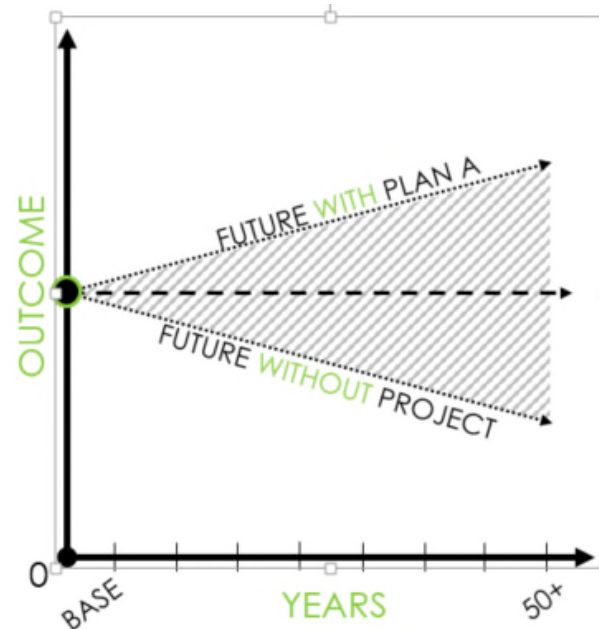
ANALYSIS – BUILDING APPROPRIATE ANALYTICAL TOOLS FOR RISK INFORMED PLANNING

- For Risk Informed Planning we want to use analytical strategies and tools that are:
 - Quick and efficient!
 - At an appropriate level of complexity for the decisions being made
 - Scalable depending on the decisions being made
 - Flexible and adaptable to reflect potential alternatives
 - Begin with the end in mind!
- Simplifying assumptions, professional judgment and sensitivity analysis are your friends!
 - Just validate them as you move forward



COMPARISON ANALYSIS

- Comparison of without and with condition scenarios
- Essence of the evaluation process
- Effectiveness of a plan is observed through scenario analysis
- Scenario comparisons = highlight differences that matter to the decision
- **Best practice = metrics should reflect objectives and decision criteria!**



Plan	Annual Damages	Annual Benefits	Annual Costs	Net Benefits	BCR	Life Safety	Other
Future Without Project	\$2,000	--	--	--	--		
Future With-Project 1	\$1,300	\$700	\$350	\$350	2.0		
Future With-Project 2	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$500	1.5		
Future With-Project 3	\$350	\$1,650	\$1,500	\$150	1.1		

ITERATIONS OF THE FWOP (DATA GATHERING EXAMPLES IN FRM)

What the PDT knows



- **Planning:** Recent floods? Past studies in the area? Any PL 84-99 actions? Trends in the area?
- **Economics:** Census data # of structures and population growth trends. Damageable property range? Available LST inventory data from HAZUS? Historical damages?
- **H&H:** Available floodplain maps (FEMA) and flood insurance studies. Available topography. Obvious flow constrictions?
- **Geotech:** Available LST results? Recent levee failures? PL 84-99 actions? Will levee performance worsen over time?
- **Environmental:** Existing NEPA/CEQA docs or BiOps for past studies in the area? General Plans/Local Baseline docs?

Adding what others know



- **Planning:** Planned sponsor activities in the study area? Land use predictions? Development plans? Possible LPP? Can we refine the study area? SLC impacts? Site visits with locals for all disciplines.
- **Economics:** Local development plans? Geospatial assessor data? Critical infrastructure and key inventory? Economic Impact Area delineation discussions w/ H&H/Geotech/Planning. Risk drivers? Risk assessment methodology?
- **H&H:** More detailed topo? Upstream watershed urbanizing? Gage data? Assess different possibilities for flood initiation. Existing levee breach location possible flood impacts? What/where is likely to cause the worst flooding?
- **Geotech:** Local levee performance data? Flood fighting? Identify levee reaches? Locations for borings? Failure modes?
- **Environmental:** Site visits/preliminary biological surveys with resource agencies? ESA Recovery Plans?

Adding what we've learned gathering instrumental data



- **Planning:** Refine study area. Climate and SLC impacts? Develop detailed writeup of all FWOP assumptions.
- **Economics:** Analytical analysis. Refine inventory (field work). Develop and run econ analysis. Estimate FWOP damage ranges. Benefit-Cost frontier curve. Evaluate SLC scenarios. Refine risk drivers.
- **H&H:** Analytical analysis. Frequency analysis (gage data). HMS model development? Peak flows and hydrograph assessment. HEC-RAS model for stage driven reaches. Simple 2-d model for floodplain development/refinements.
- **Geotech:** Evaluate new levee data (i.e. borings). Work with Econ/H&H to identify reaches and evaluation methodology. Develop levee performance curves for Econ analysis.
- **Environmental:** GIS or field survey inventory of habitat? Resource agency database search for past occurrences of listed species? Water quality conditions?

SUMMARY OF KEY FWOP CONCEPTS

- Evidence gathering - discern the truth and reduce instrumental uncertainty to support planning decisions
 - Describing scenarios
 - Data gathering
 - Comparison analysis
- FWOP condition is the single most important scenario
- Appropriate level of detail – should be sufficient to make the next decision
 - Use Risk Register!
 - Iterate early and often!
- Develop/use analytical tools that are efficient, adaptable and scalable to the decision being made.



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