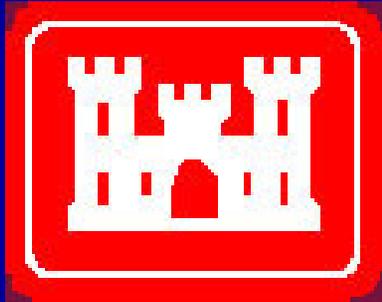


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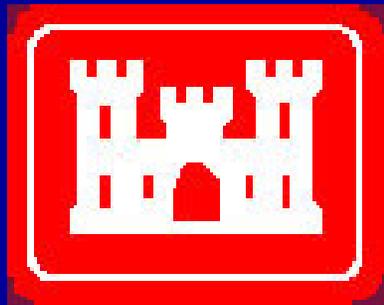


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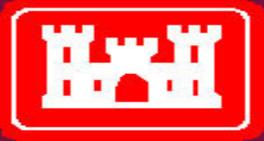
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**Mekong River Commission Study Tour
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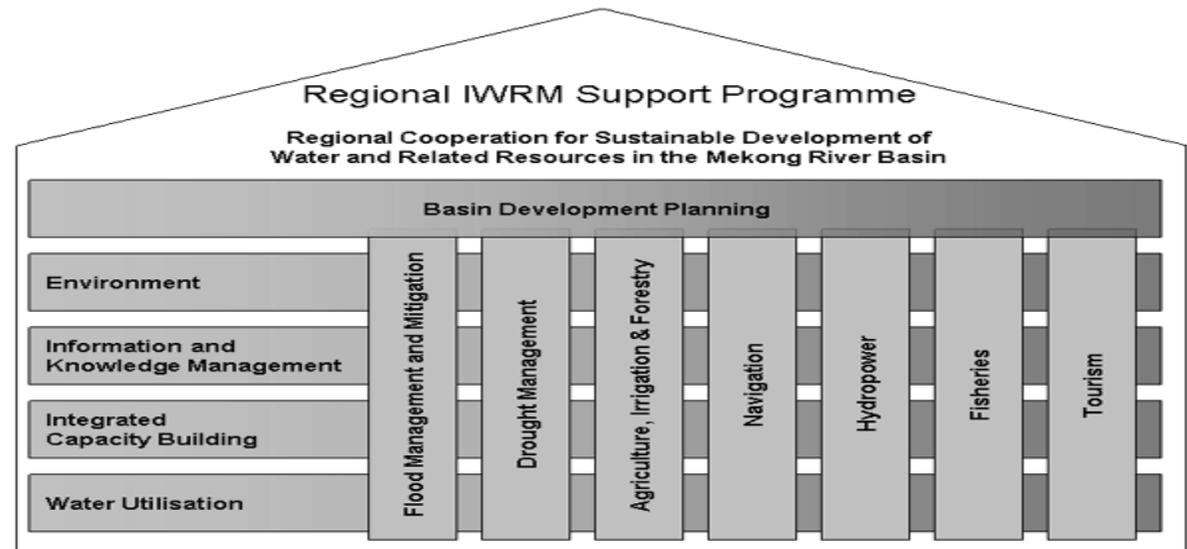
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IWRM POLICY: Key Dimensions

- Decentralization – subsidiary
- Integration; uses - values
- Participation of Stakeholders
- Watershed –River Basins

IWRM

Mekong IWRM





1. Decentralization Subsidiary

TERRITORIAL GROWTH

COLONIAL PERIOD: 1775

- Original Thirteen Colonies
- Other British territories

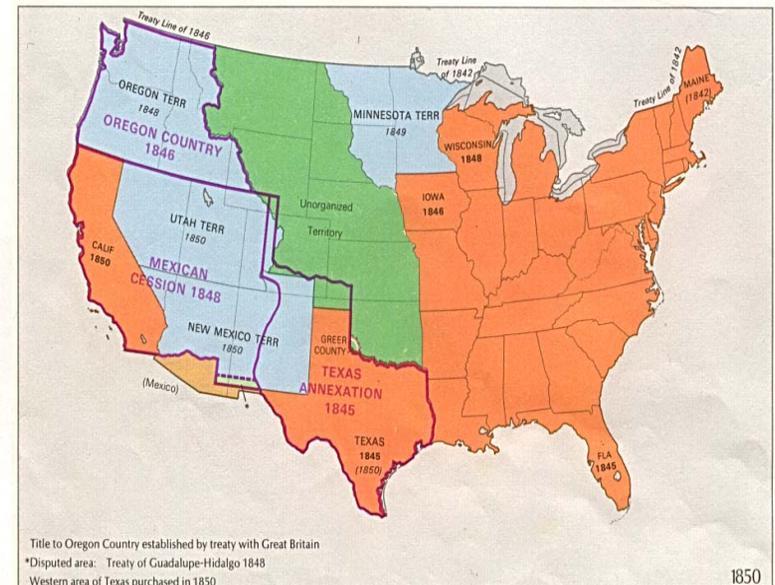
UNITED STATES: 1790–1920

- States
- State claims
- Special status areas
- Territories
- Unorganized territories
- Claimed areas
- Foreign areas

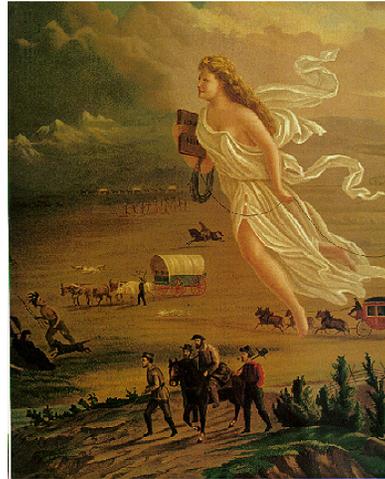
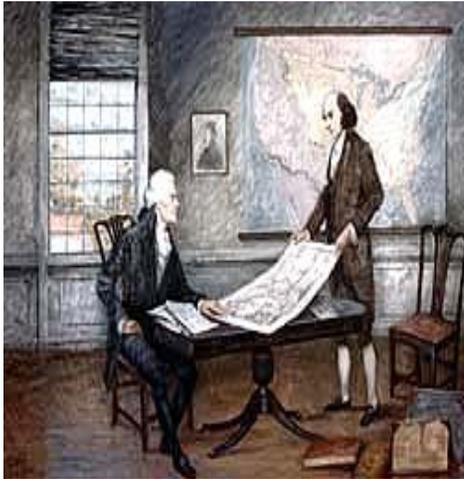
1803 Dates of territorial acquisitions
1805 Dates of initial territorial organization
(1809) Dates of latest change within given time period
1812 Dates of admission to the Union

Map scale 1:34,000,000

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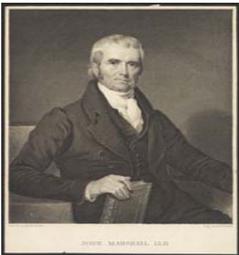


Water Ways & Establishing National Federal Interventions Over Interstate Issues



1808: Gallatin Report

Waterways to be used for:
Building Political Unity and Nation
National Defense
Economic Development



Marshal



Gibbons



Ogden

1824: GIBBONS VS. OGDEN

(Estbl. Federal Powers vs. States)

Claims are said to be repugnant—

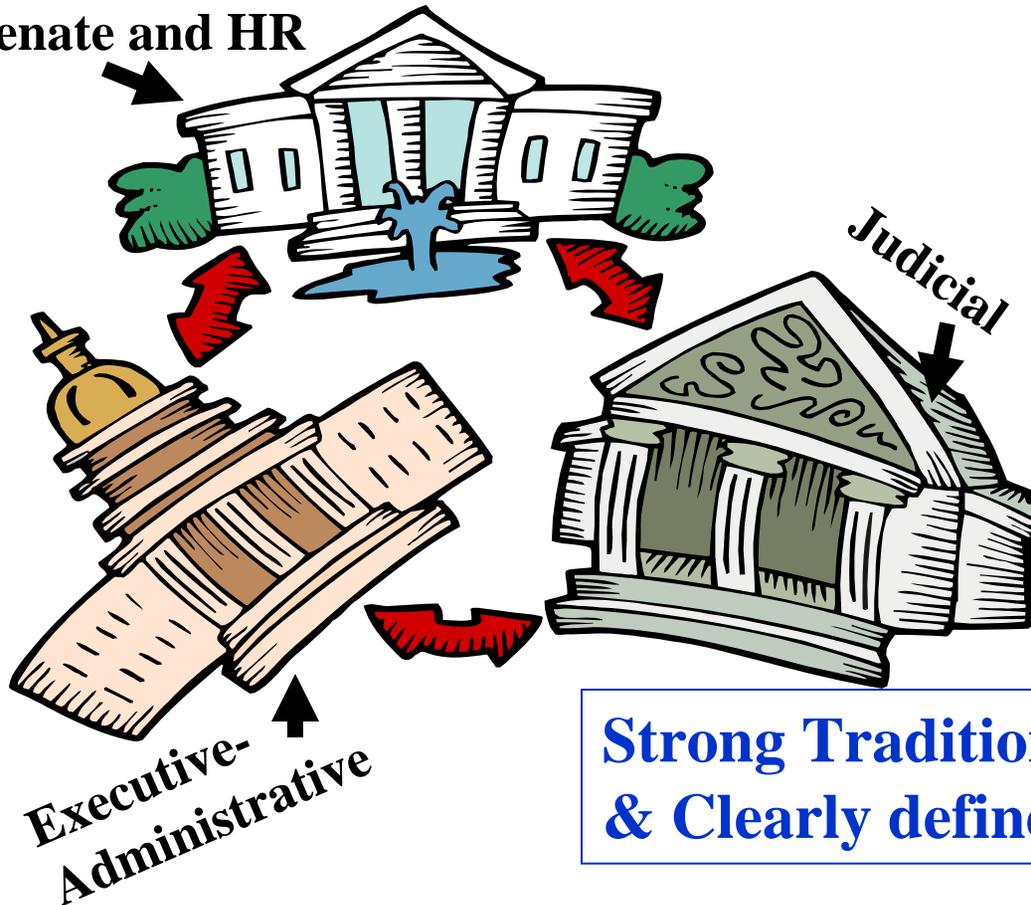
- 1st. To that clause in the constitution which authorizes Congress to regulate commerce.
- 2d. To that which authorizes Congress to promote the progress of science and useful arts.

1920's - "308" Reports: Congress Authorizes USACE do Comp. assessments of all major rivers of the US

Water Must Fit US Political/Institutional Culture

Separation of Powers Checks & Balances

Legislative
Senate and HR



State Sovereignty

Federal vs. State rights
Regional authority vs.
State & Federal

Identification of:
Public interest
Federal Interest

Planning vs. Regulation
Regulatory Dominant

Strong Tradition of Private Ownership
& Clearly define private rights

Some Water Basics in the US

- **US supplies 500,000 gals per person per year**
- **19 cents /gal average**
 - **Municipalities \$1 / 1,000 gals**
 - **Industry and Agriculture less than 10 cents/1000 gals**
 - **Bottled water \$4,000 per 1,000 gals**
- **US divided in middle 100th meridian**
 - **Most East rain fed and Arid West irrigation**
- **Two main legal Traditions of water rights Riparian in East and Prior Appropriation in West**
- **Federal System - States have primary control of water**
- **Federal Interests based on Interstate Commerce, National Economics benefits, Environmental and Public Health, managing transboundary conflicts**
- **Most people served by public water supplies**

Water Investments

- **By early 1990's over \$400 billion for capital investment**
- **25,000 miles of inland waterways**
- **83,000 reservoirs and dams**
- **88,000 megawatts of hydro power capacity (= to nuclear)**
- **52,000 public utilities supply 24 billion gals per day to domestic users**
- **60 million acres of land irrigated**
- **15,000 municipal sewage treatment plants**
- **60,000 water pollution control permits**
- **BUT 60% of original inland wetlands converted to other uses**
- **BUT 50% of 1.5 million miles of streams and**

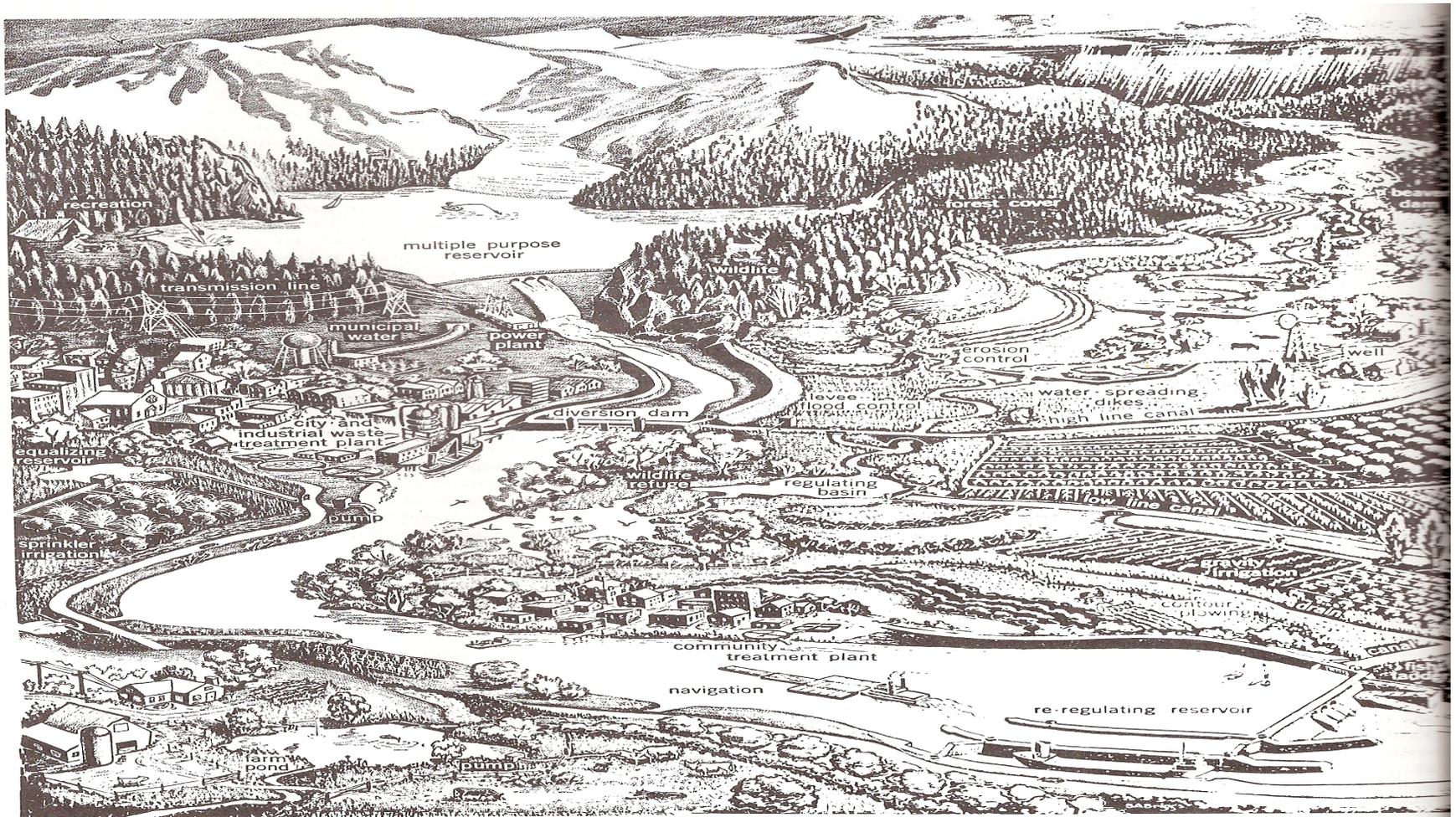
Water as an Industry in the US

- **No one Federal Policy: collection of incremental policies**
- **Annual expenditures is third - behind electric power and petro chemicals**
- **Most capital intensive**
- **Most highly regulated**
- **90,000 people in Federal Government**
- **Parts of 10 Cabinet Departments**
- **2 major Independent Agencies**
- **34 Smaller Water Agencies**
- **State and Local over 300,000 people**
- **Private sector and consultants over 50,000**

Recurrent Themes in US Water policy

- **Economic development**
 - Regional vs. national
 - distribution of benefits
- **Coordination**
 - Legislative (Congress) vs. the President (Executive Branch)
 - Federal, State, Local: Decentralized vs. Centralized
- **Conservation and environment**
 - Wise use (Utilitarian) vs. Preservationist (absolutist)
 - Planning vs. regulation vs. markets in allocating
 - Land vs. water

2. Integration of Uses



A Multiple-Purpose River Basin Development

(Reprinted from *A Water Policy for the American People*, The Report of the President's Water Resources Policy Commission, 1950.)

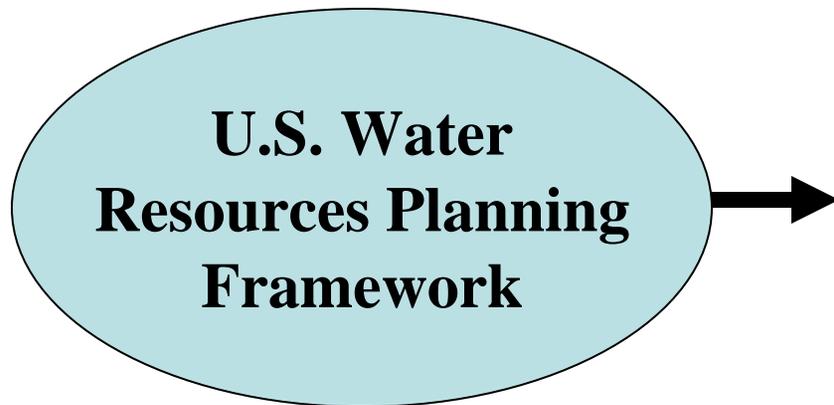
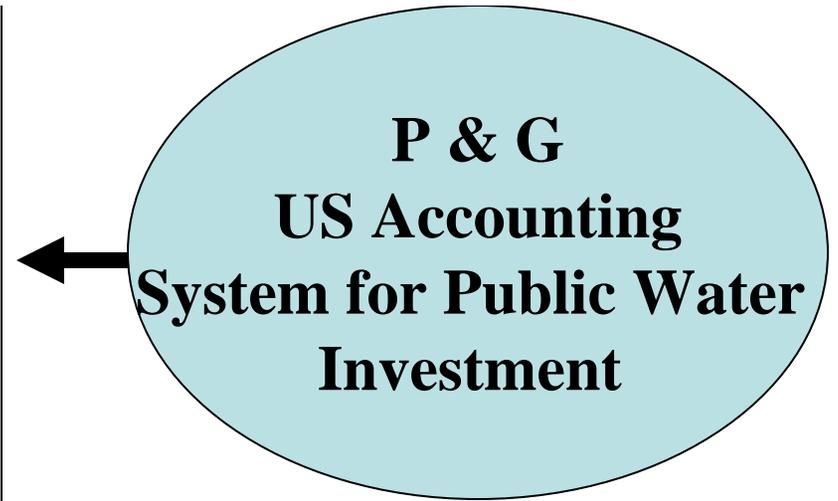
Integrated WRM

- ***Vertical Integration:*** coordination and implementation of **policies** and **programs** from national level to regional and local levels
- ***Horizontal Integration:*** coordination and implementation of policies and programs within **project** planning, across multiple agencies in a region
- ***Multidisciplinary Integration:***
 - forming teams of specialists of various disciplines
- ***Multiobjective integration:*** achieving social, environmental, economic and equity goals
- ***Integration into broader Soc./Ec./Dev. Issues***
 - *Then integration among uses*
 - ***Planning vs. Regulation***
 - ***Technical vs. Political***



**Principles and Guidance (P & G):
US Accounting System for Public Water Investments**

- National Economic Development (NED)
 - beneficial and adverse effects on the national economy in monetary terms
- Environmental Quality (EQ)
 - effects of plans on significant environmental resources and ecological, cultural and esthetic attributes
- Regional Economic Development (RED)
 - distribution of regional economic activity from each plan in terms of regional income and employment
- Other Social Effects (OSE)
 - effects on urban and community impacts, life, health, safety factors; displacement, long term productivity; energy requirements and energy conservation

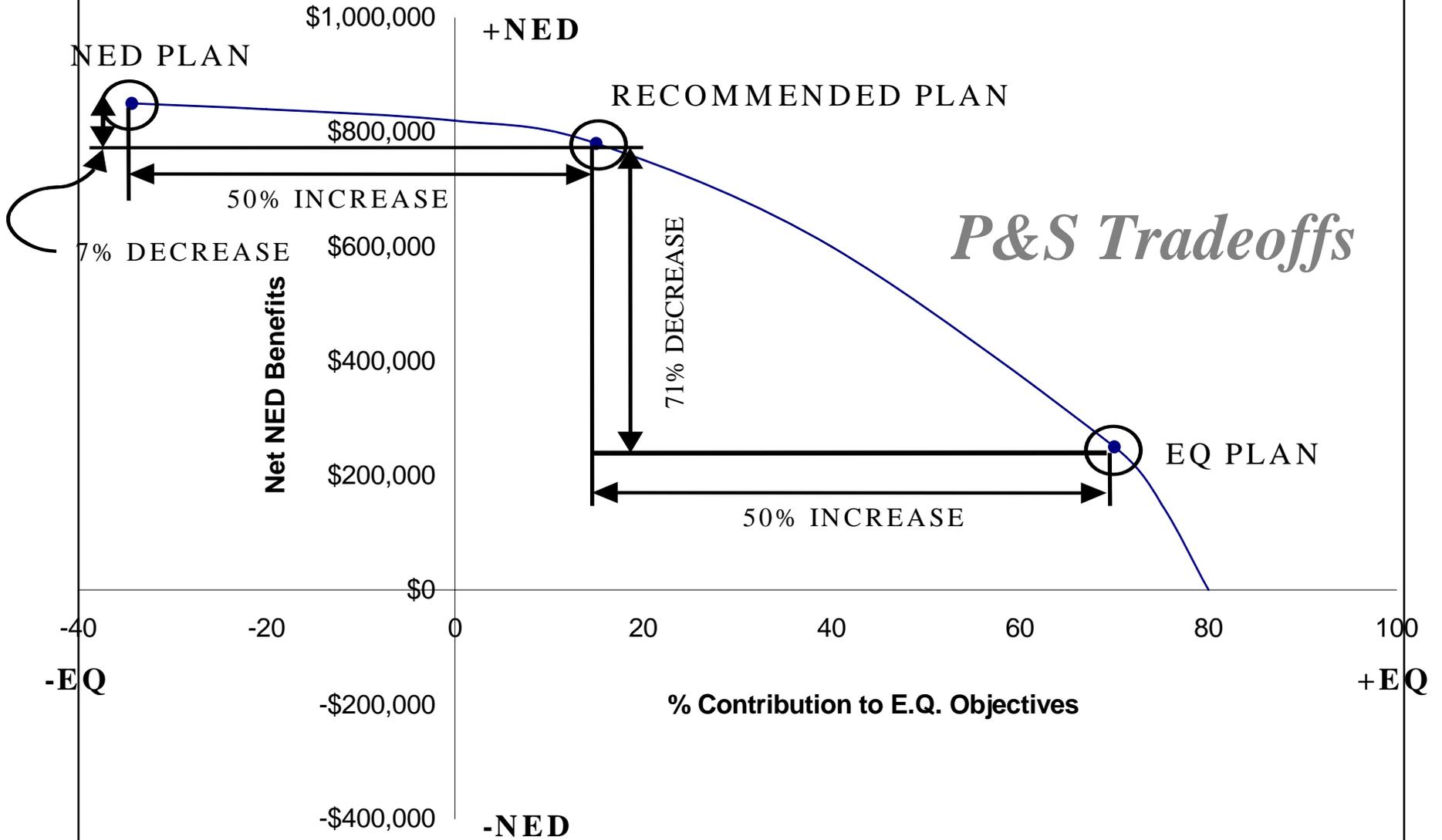


US Water Resources Planning Framework

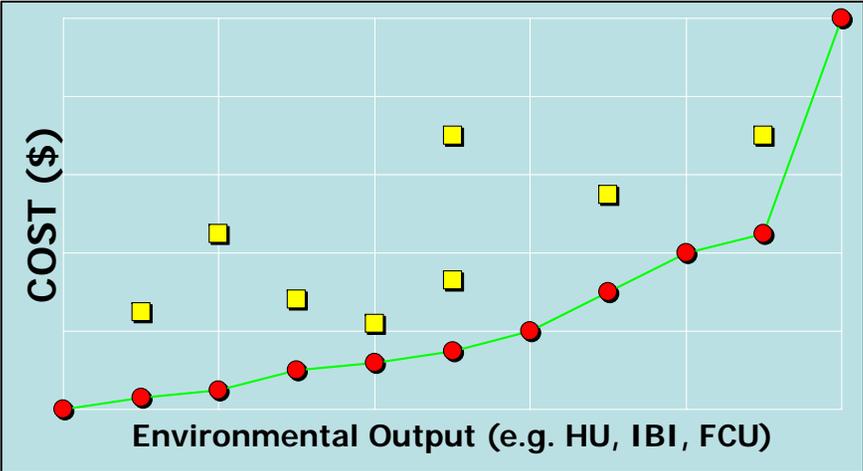
- Level A Region (many river basins)
 - Macroeconomics, goal setting, Integrated economic resource use analysis, institutions, laws.
- Level B River Basin
 - Macro I-O, econometric models, water use sectors, priorities, system management, policy analysis
- Level C Project/Site
 - Microeconomics, economic efficiency, mitigation, design, O&M, cost-sharing, role, resp.

EQ-NED Tradeoff for Wilmington Navigation Project

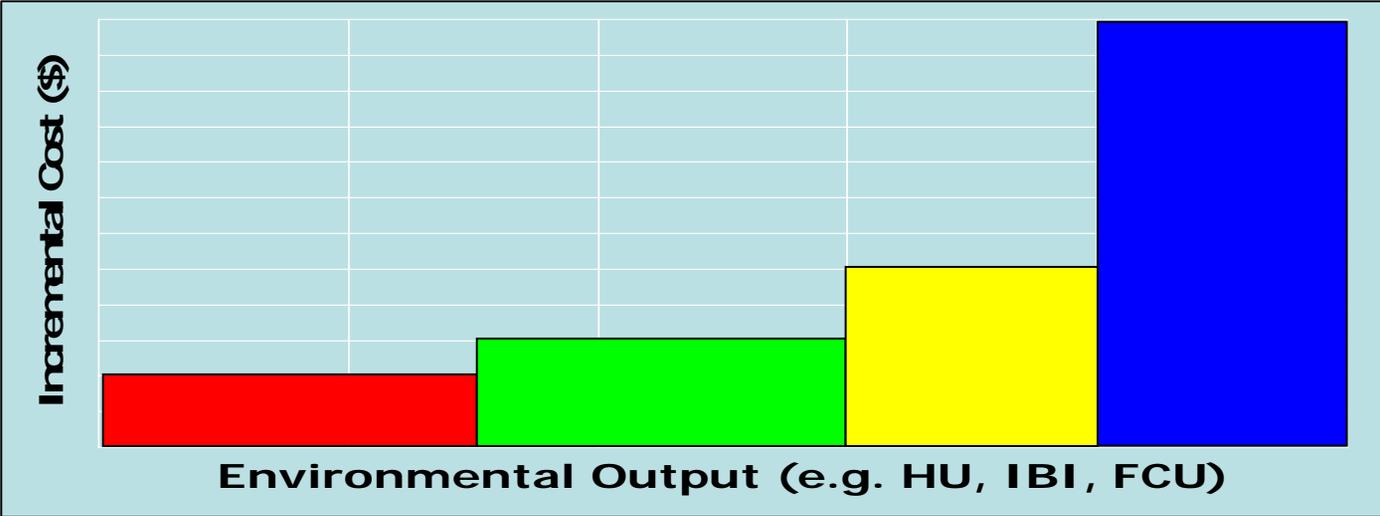
(1977)



COST EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS



INCREMENTAL COST ANALYSIS





US Army Corps
of Engineers ®
Walla Walla District

3. Public & Stakeholder Participation





Two Main Polarized Groups

- **Pro Dam**
- **Pro Fish Anti Dam For Dam Breaching**



LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION

HIGH

PARTICIPATORY TECHNIQUE

Agreeing to the decision



Joint Decision Making

Assisted Negotiations

Having an influence upon the decision



Collaboration/Mediation



Facilitation/Interactive Workshops



Task Forces/Advisory Groups

Being heard before the final decision is made



Public hearings

Being informed about the decision being made

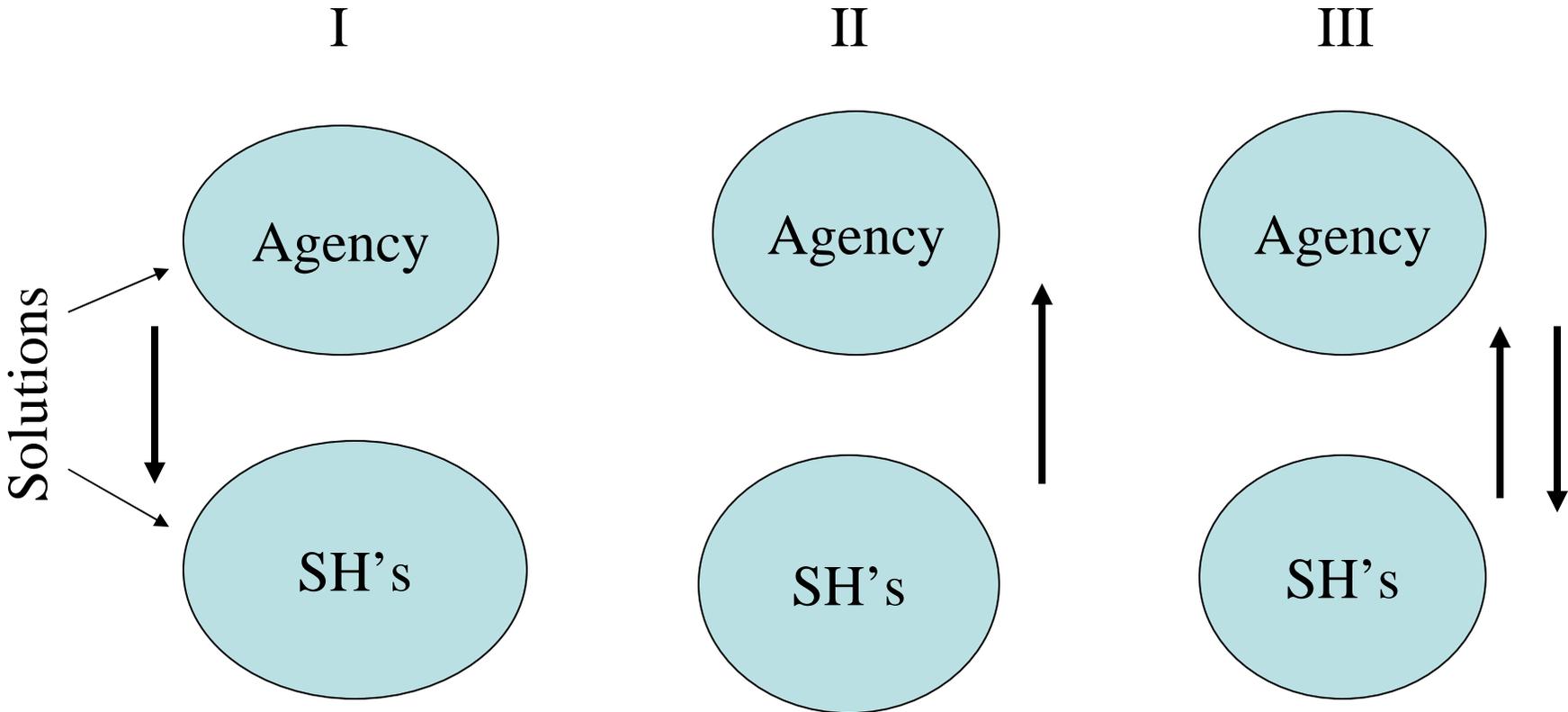


Conferences, symposia

Public information

LOW

Defining Role of Participation in Decisions



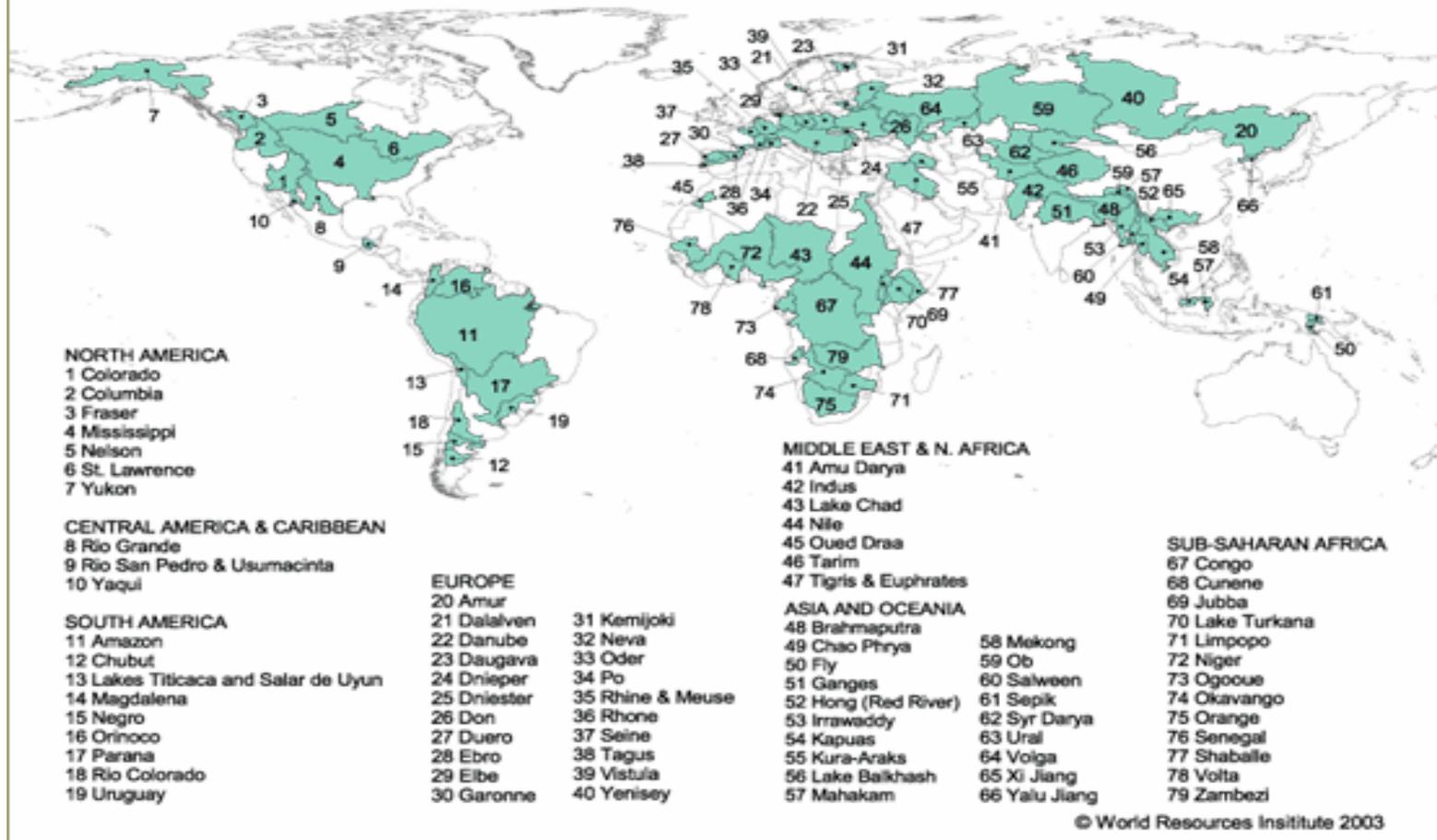
I. Problem → Decision → Impl./Goals

III. Problem → Decision → Impl./Goals

4. River Basins - Watershed

River Basin Boundaries do not Coincide with Political Boundaries

Figure 1: Selected Transboundary River Basins



Watershed vs. RBO

Geographic Scope:

R.B. is a watershed
Not all watersheds are R.B's

Level of Authority:

less  more

Participants:

Broader mix
public + non public More focused on
formal public

Legal basis:

Informal  Formal

Issues/services addressed:

Multi-issue
more local Multi- issue
more regional

Catalyst events:

- Droughts, floods,
- Fragmentation
- Demographic mismatching

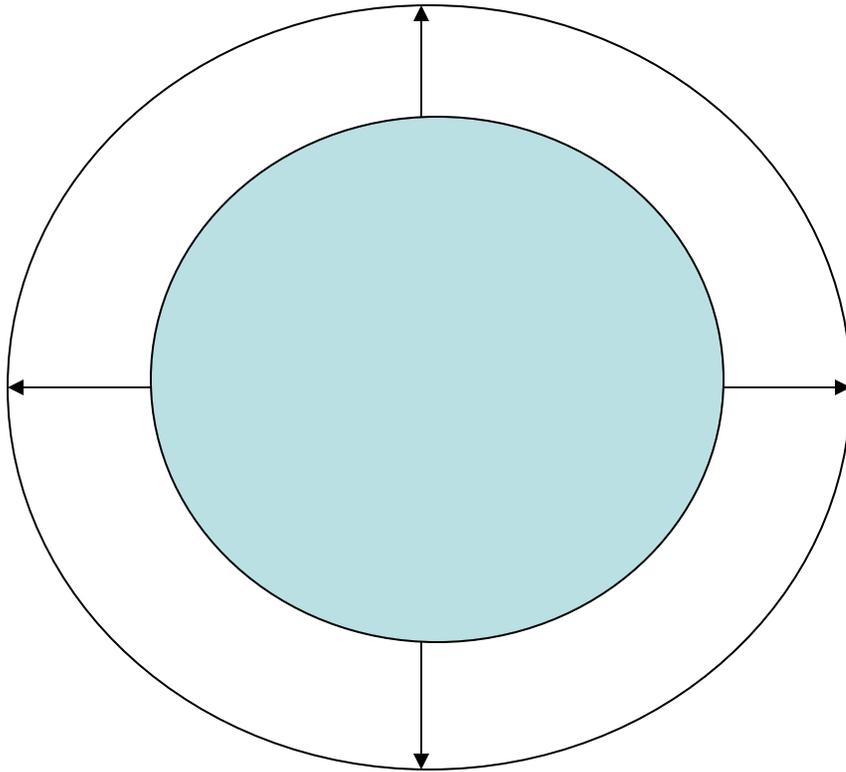
But Hydrology and Organizations/Laws Rarely Fit: Conceptual Model Interjurisdictional

Intersectoral

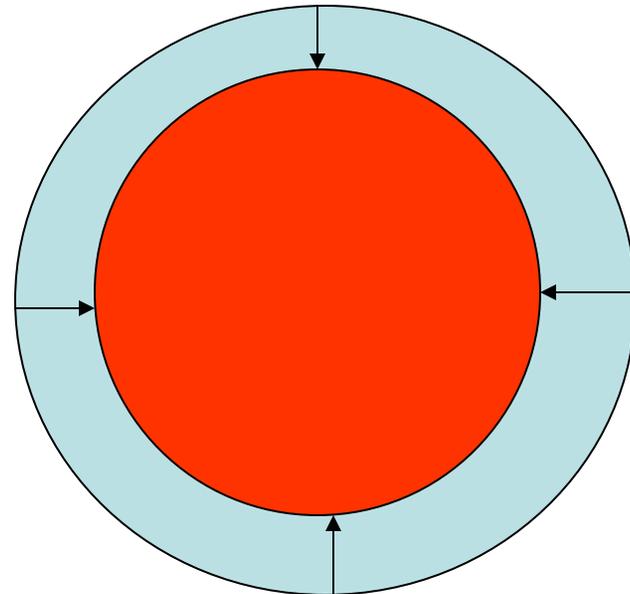
Jurisdict Sector	Ja			Jb			Jc			Jn		
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Sector1 (Agr.)												
Sector2 (Indust.)												
Sector3 (Trans.)												
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Sector n (etc.)												

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Negotiating Arenas: Benefits - Interests



**Increasing the Pie
Benefits Created**

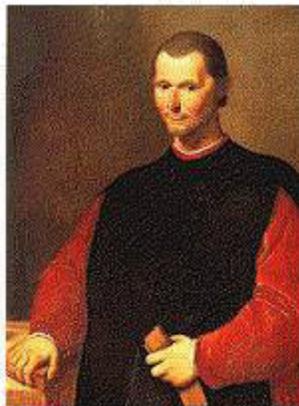


**Mitigating against
Decreasing Pie**

Role of IWRM?

Collaboration: Machiavelli and Leonardo Da Vinci for Multipurpose Diversion of the Arno River

“The Rediscovery of engineering and the development of trade provided an important foundation for art and philosophy. After a long period of instability...scholars have described the period from around 1400 -1470 as the equilibrium of the Renaissance. Particularly in Italy, agriculture flourished and harvests improved, population stabilized and political conflict moderated. These transformations were slower to come in Northern Europe, particularly in regions where the technology of water control was not as well developed as in Italy.”(Masters 1998)



RBO's in the World

Key Topics

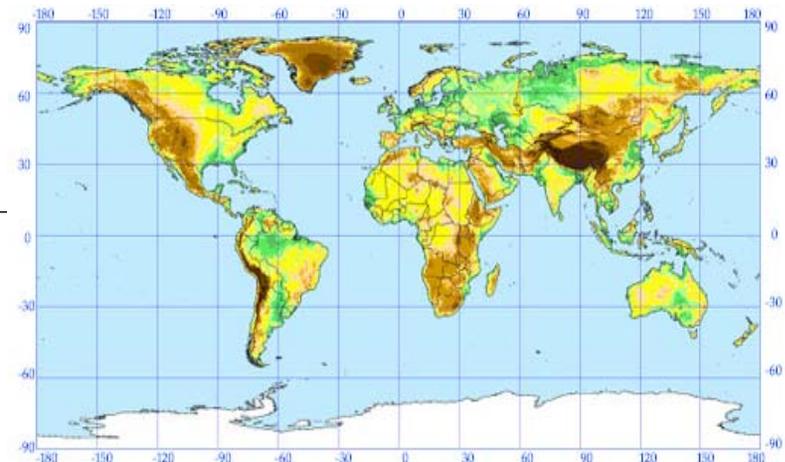
Basin tariffs

Planning: grass roots approach

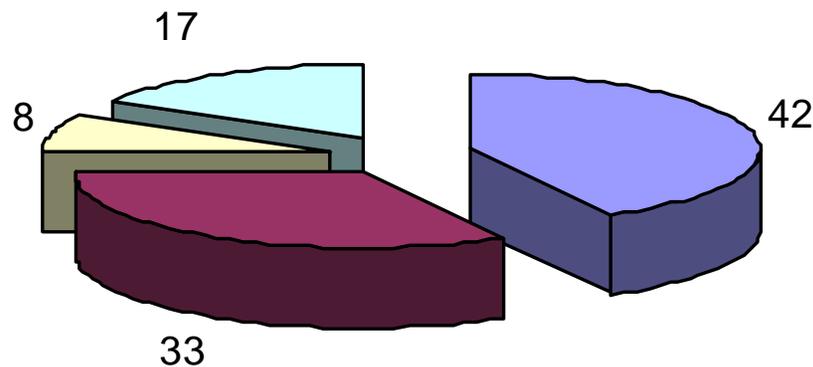
Water rights allocation

Water pollution control

*.. mid-1950s the UN SG...
“river basin development is now recognized as an essential feature of economic development*



RBOs around the World



T.Roosevelt 1910..“each river system, from its headwaters in the forest to its mouth on the coast is a single unit and should be treated as such.”

U.S. - North American Experiences with RBOs

*Some succeeded
Some failed
All are different*

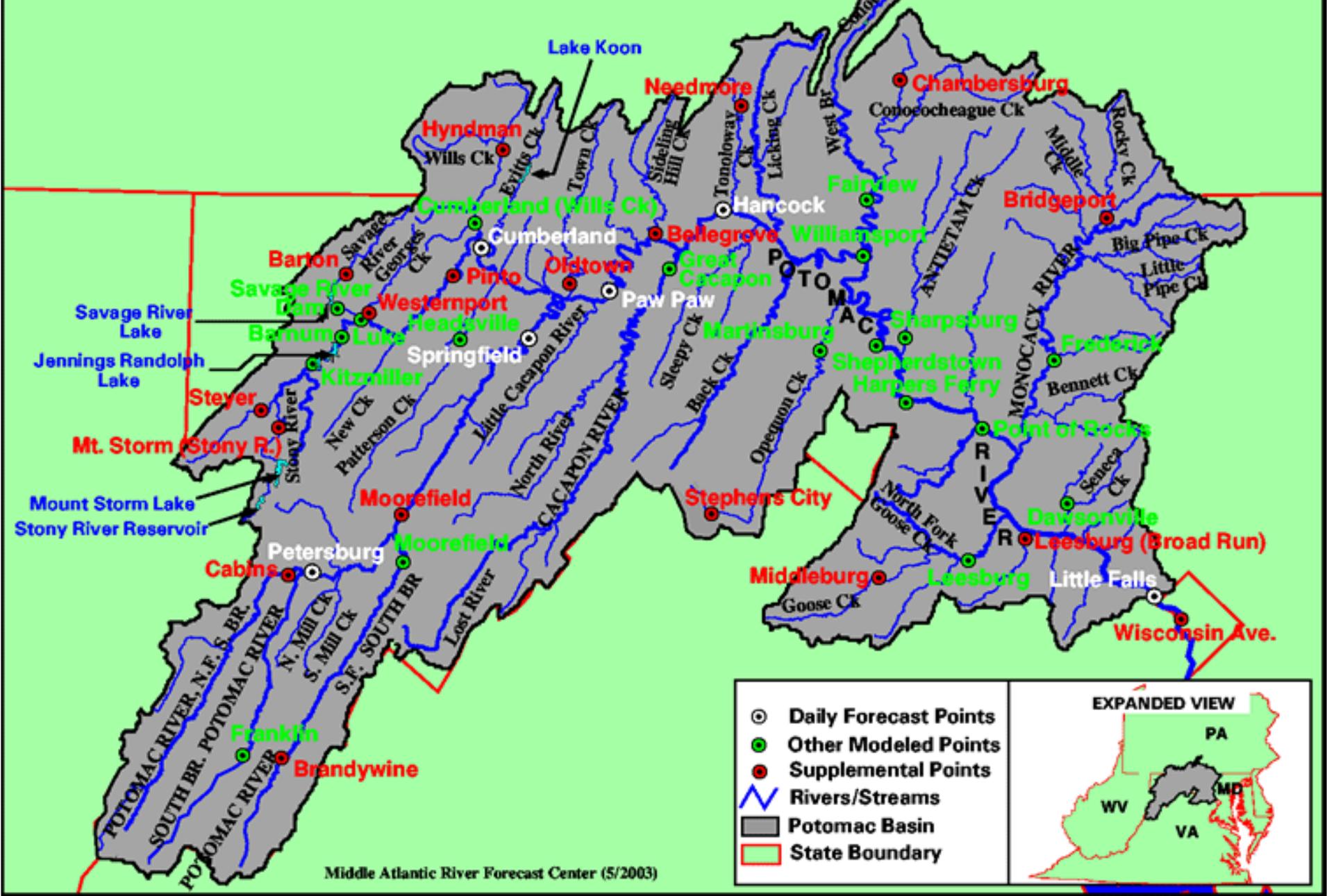


8 Types of RBO Coordinating Mechanisms

- 1. Interstate Compact Commissions
(Potomac)**
- 2. Interstate Councils**
- 3. Basin Interagency Committees (Ad hoc)**
- 4. Interagency - Interstate Commissions
(Tittle II)**
- 5. Federal - Interstate Compact Commissions
(DRBC/SRBC)**
- 5. Federal - Regional Agencies
(TVA)**
- 6. Single Federal Administrator
(DOI Colorado)**
- 7. Watershed Councils/ Process
(American Heritage Rivers)**

Potomac River Basin

Daily, Modeled & Supplemental Points



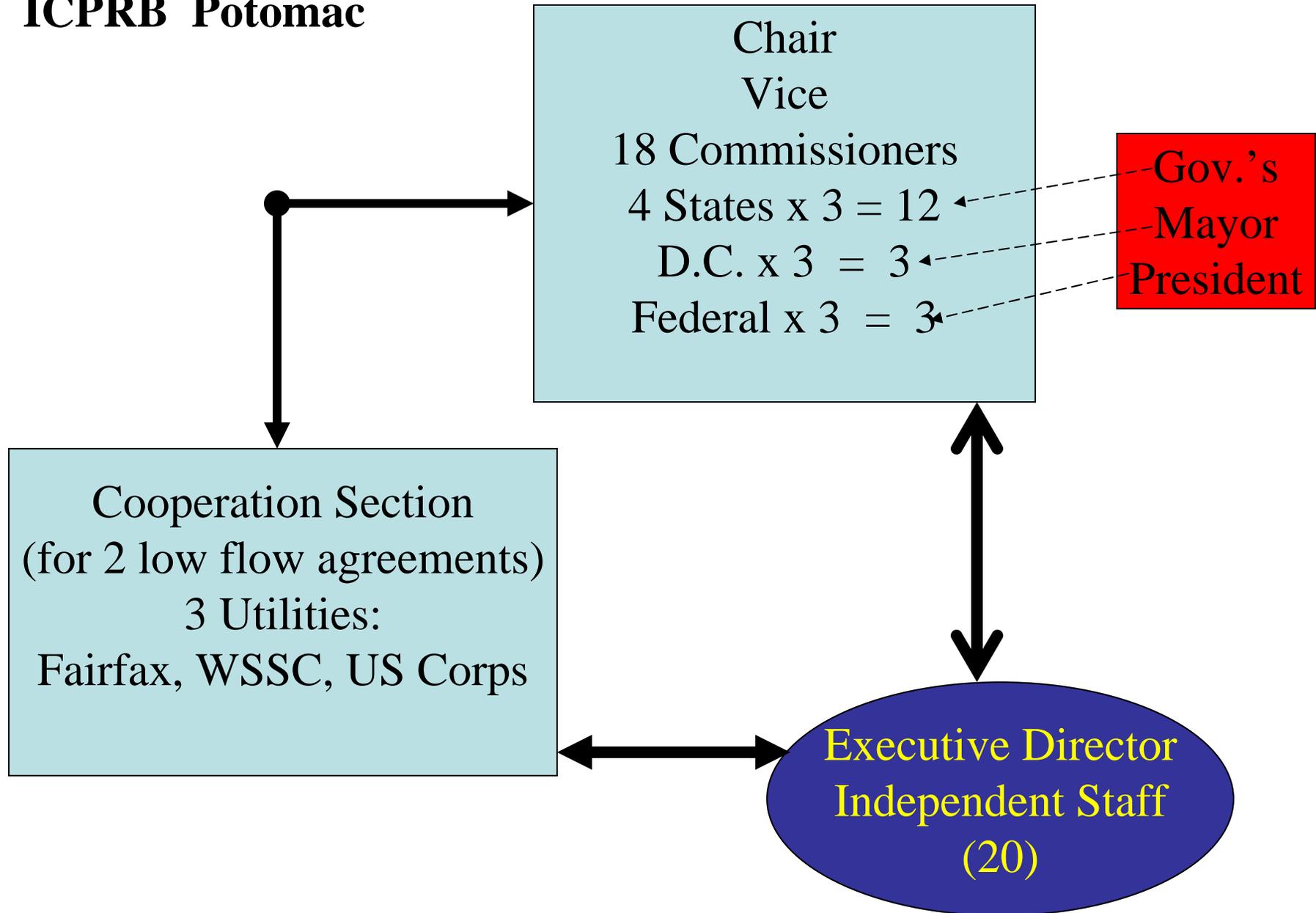
Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center (5/2003)

- Daily Forecast Points
- Other Modeled Points
- Supplemental Points
- ~ Rivers/Streams
- Potomac Basin
- State Boundary



1. Interstate Compact Commission

ICPRB Potomac

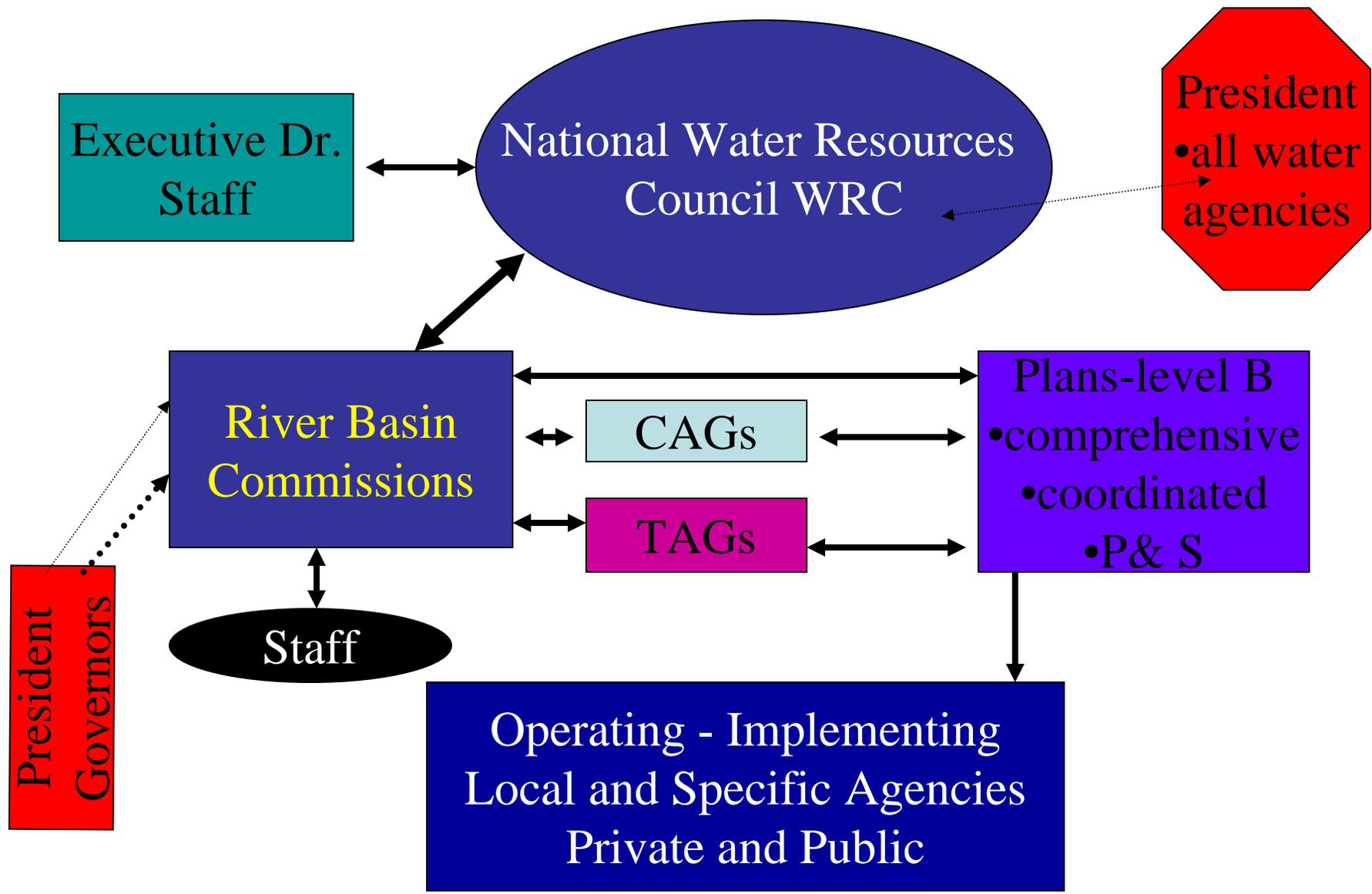


Interstate Compact Commission Interstate Commission for the Potomac (ICPRB)

- Driven by drought contingency planning
- Little formal power – low flow agreement – data gathering – joint interactive stakeholder modeling
- But high influence and growing!
- 16 dams originally planned – actual 1 large and 1 minor dam
- Best use of non structural approaches of any basin
- System yield up by 50% - satisfying in stream needs and quality vs. 45% with dams



4. Interagency - Interstate Commission Title II (No longer exists)



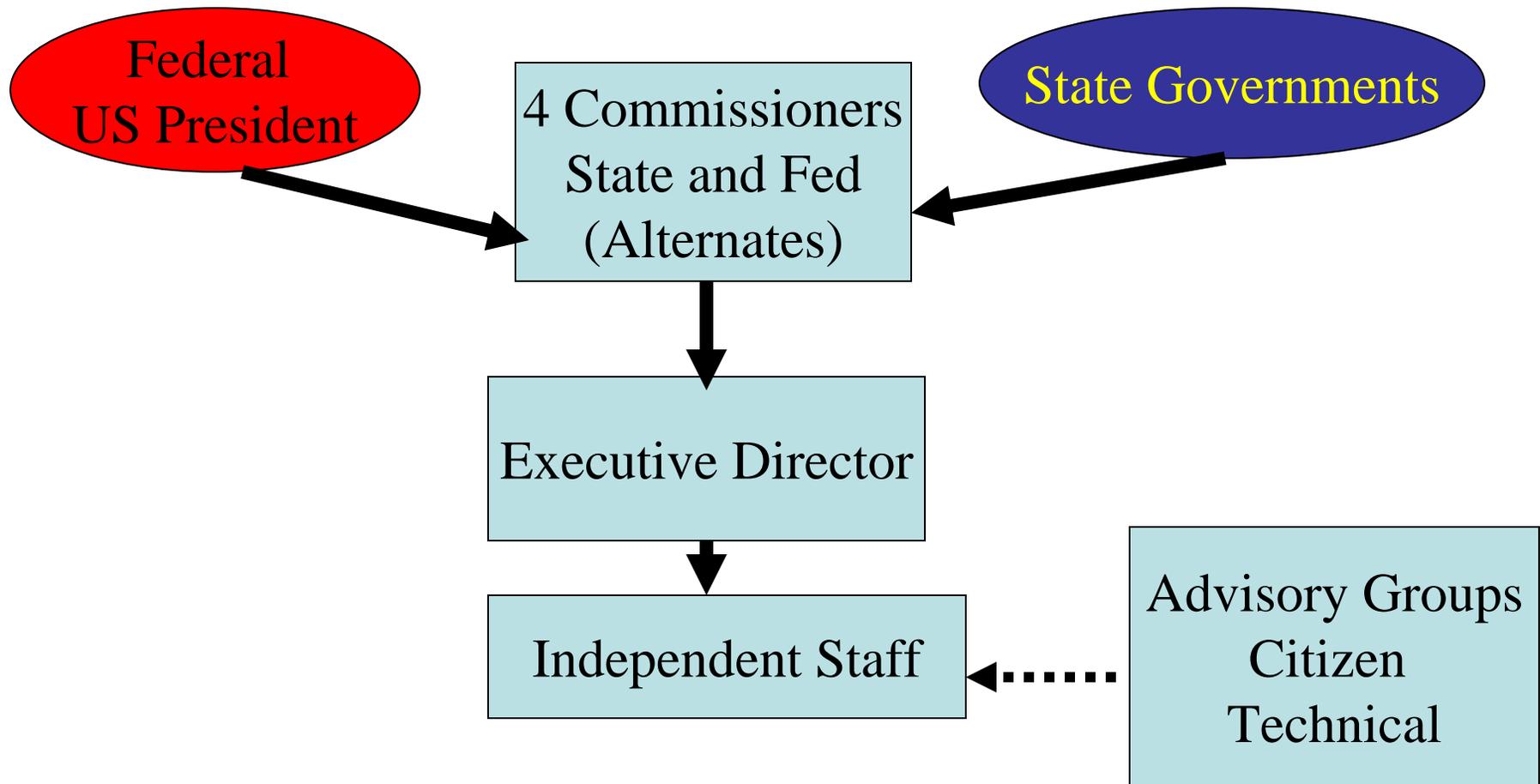
Interagency – Interstate Commissions Title II's

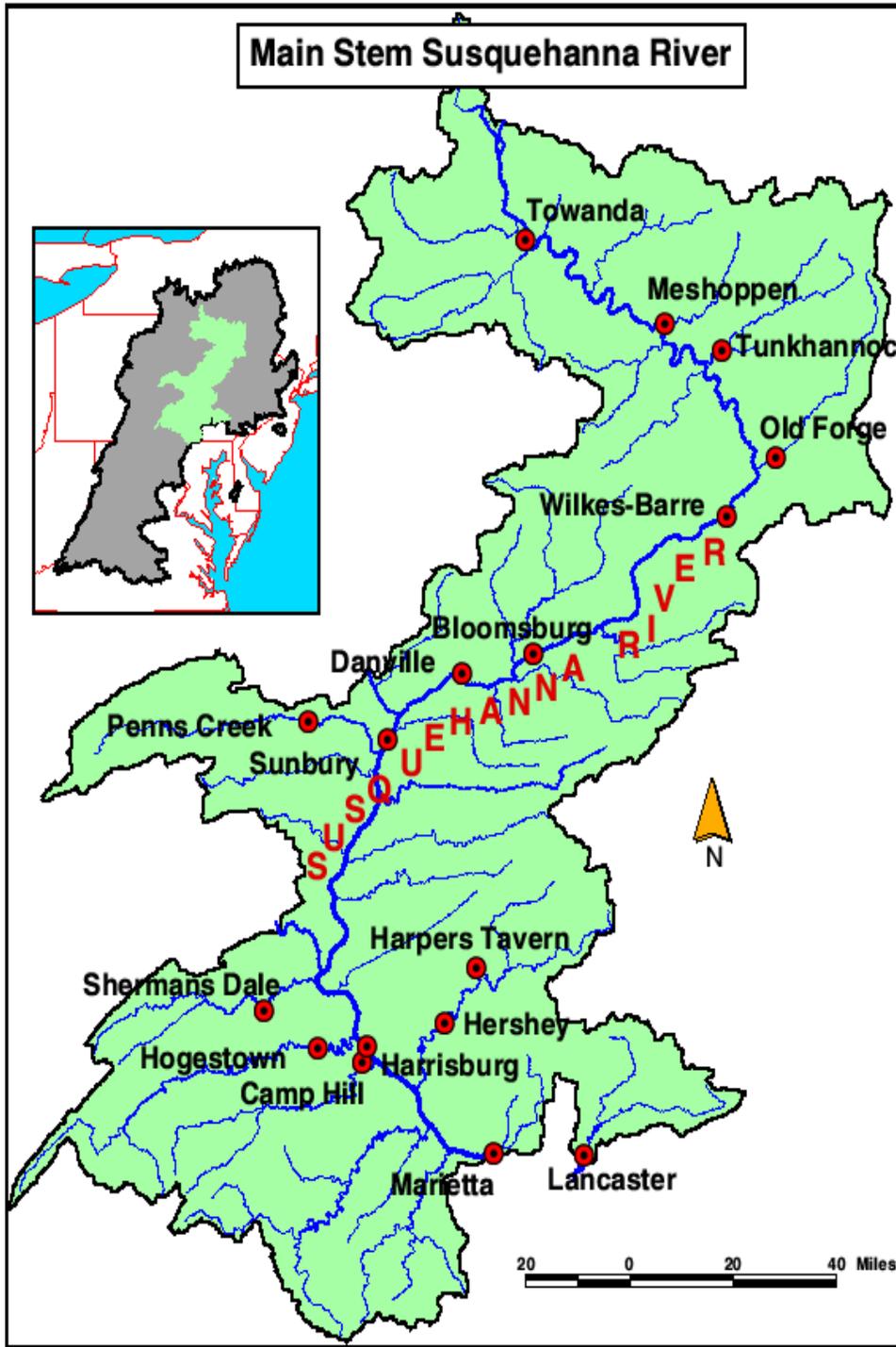
- Long Process 1940s – 50s – 60s – 70s
- To improve coordination through joint plan to guide Federal and other investments in water
- Water Resources Council at National level
- River Basin Commissions in country
- P&S (G) – analytical guidelines for water planning and national accounting
- Structure stopped in 1980 – no coordinating device today except budget process
 - 1970s focus to EQ grants and water quality

5. Federal Interstate Compact Commission

DRBC - Delaware

SRBC - Susquehanna





Delaware River Basin



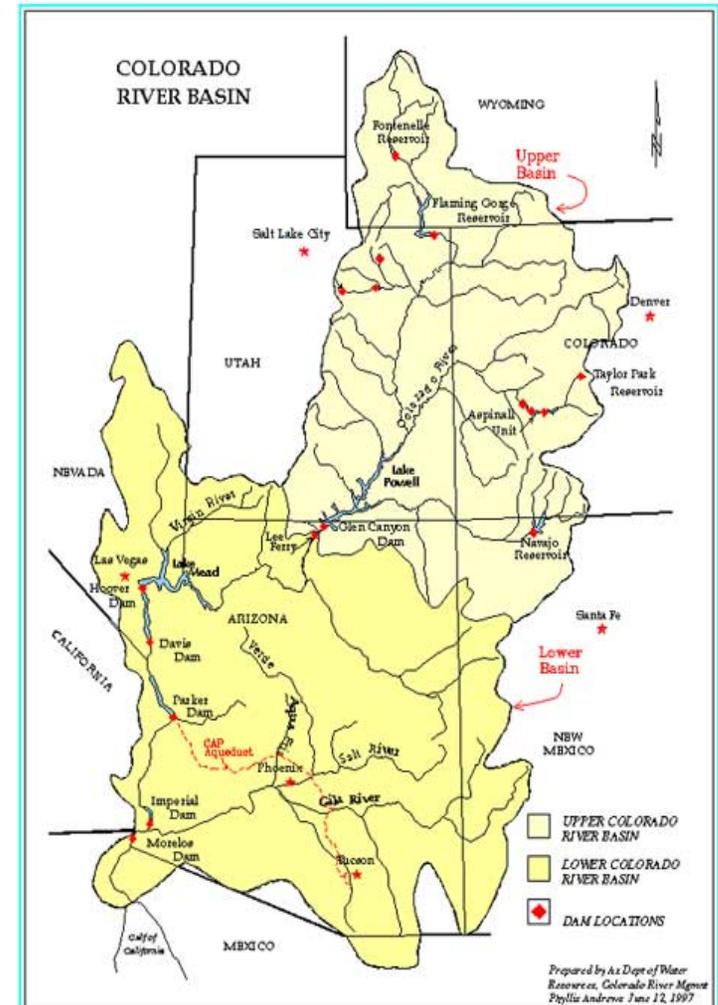
Delaware River Basin Commission (Federal Interstate Commission)

- **Since early 20th century droughts states used courts**
 - dev. Equity principle but...
- **Began to realize that courts too inflexible**
- **DRBC formed in 1960s**
- **Created capacity for information – technical analysts**
- **Cooperation grows – agreements signed in 1980s among states**
- **Power to block proposals not consistent with regional plans**
- **Multi purpose mandate**
- **Rely on State political leaders not bureaucracy to guide**
- **Balance of state autonomy and Federal supremacy**
 - (delegation of power issues –
 - Federal can be subject to majority)



Single Federal Admin. Colorado and DOI

- Law of the River – basic allocation statues-interstate compacts –court decisions-treaties-operating rules -administrative decisions
- Based on AAF that is too high 22k vs, 18.5k mcm
- 7 States tried to use interstate compacts but lacks trusted technical information source/staff
- Also international river - Indian rights
- No agreement among all – Upper and lower lower is essentially Federalized



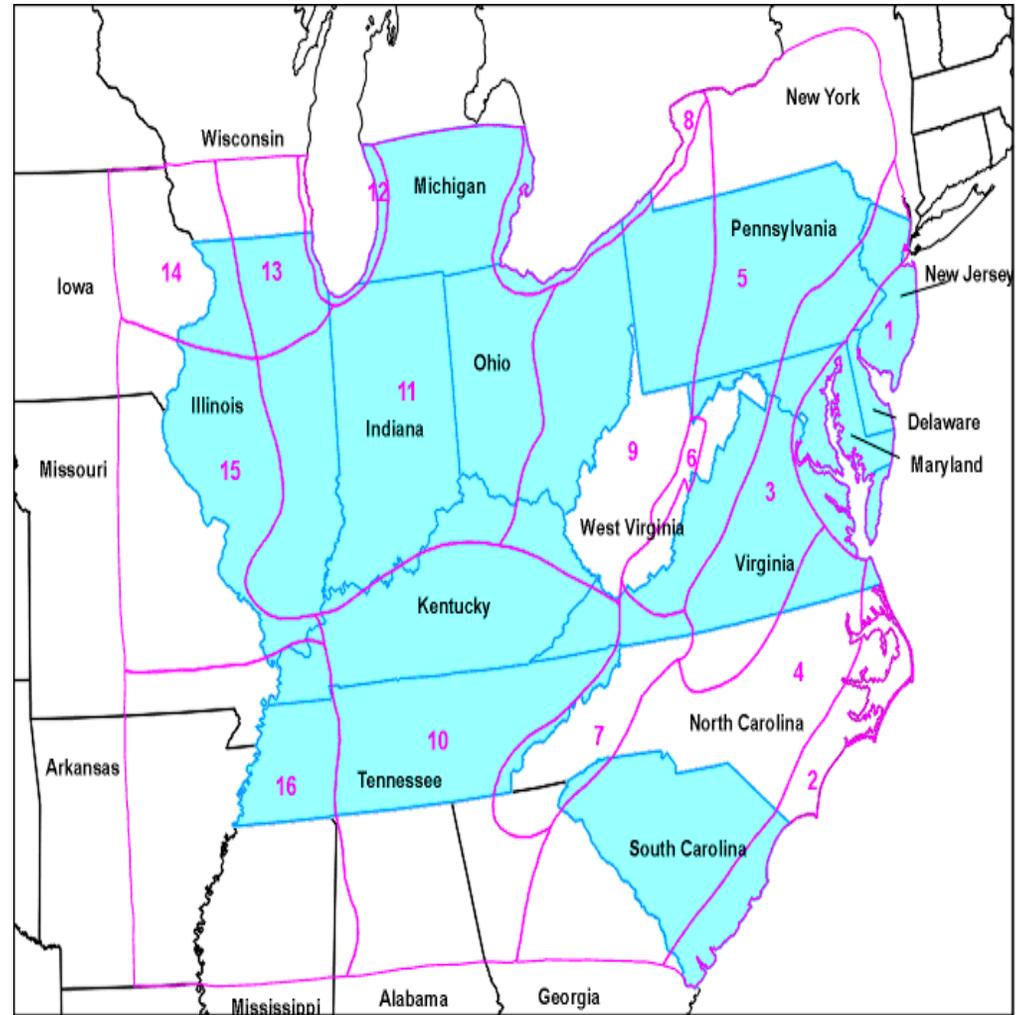
Colorado and DOI - Lessons

- **Law of river not flexible – no RBO means higher transaction costs**
- **Data is critical allocation base too high – no trusted technical expertise**
- **Water rights difficult so makes markets and trading hard**
- **Issue of “surpluses” will not go away – the need for consensus will not go away**
- **New rules for transfers needed**



Ohio River Valley Sanitation Commission

- 3rd largest river before joining Mississippi
- 14 States
- Several major cities
- Navigation, Hydropower
- 20 locks and dams 44 hydropower facilities



1936 Congress directs an interstate compact pollution

1948 Ratification among eight states

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New York,

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

History

Long time to get upstream to ratify because of powers of the agreement Created - Ohio River Valley Sanitation Commission

Water Quality

Waste water discharge

Water quality assessments

Waste water discharge standard setting + enforcement

1950s setting standards

Toxic substance control

Spill response

high public footprint

Authorities

structure

27 commissioners:

3 from each State

3 from Federal Government

**Public stakeholders can participate
as appointed commissioners
part of voluntary monitoring**

**Framework of majority rule but:
veto power possible by majority of
commissioners
within affected states**

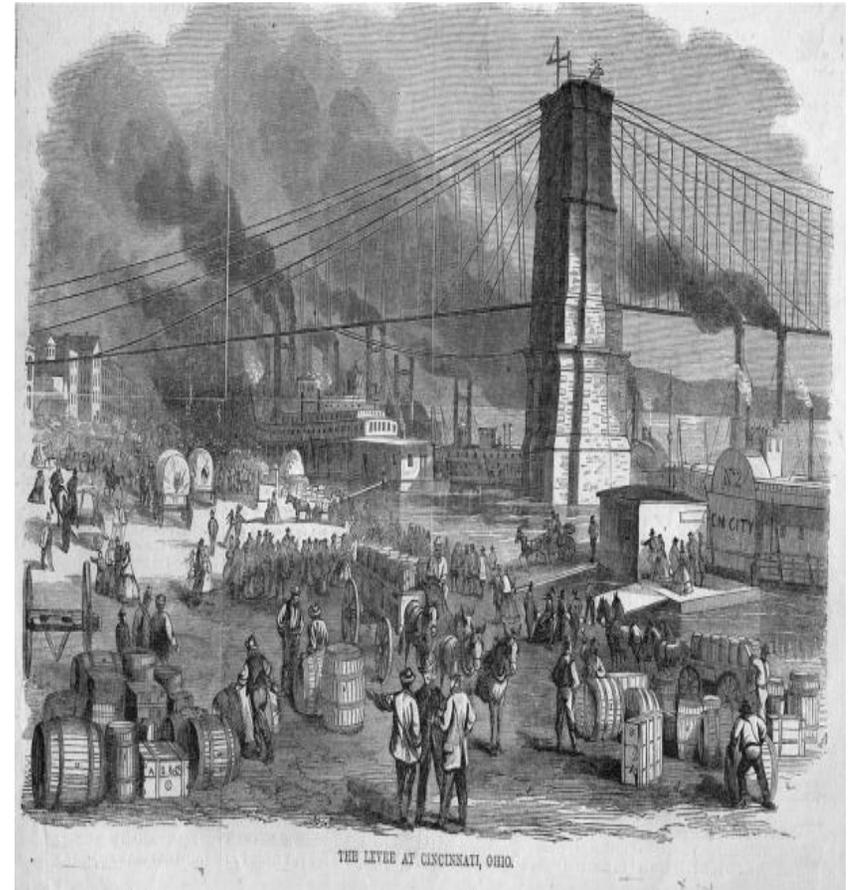
No voting power by Federal commissioners
Quorum = 1 or + from majority of states

18 Person technical staff

**Decisions implemented by state and federal agencies
who also support technical staff**

Standing committees

**Has authority to order changes on discharge
unusual in Federal system of state sovereignty**



- **Financing: annual budget determined by commission**

- **Prorated proportions among states by:**

 - 1.5 proportion to population**

 - 1.5 land area**

- **1948 1% of sewerer communities had treatment facilities**

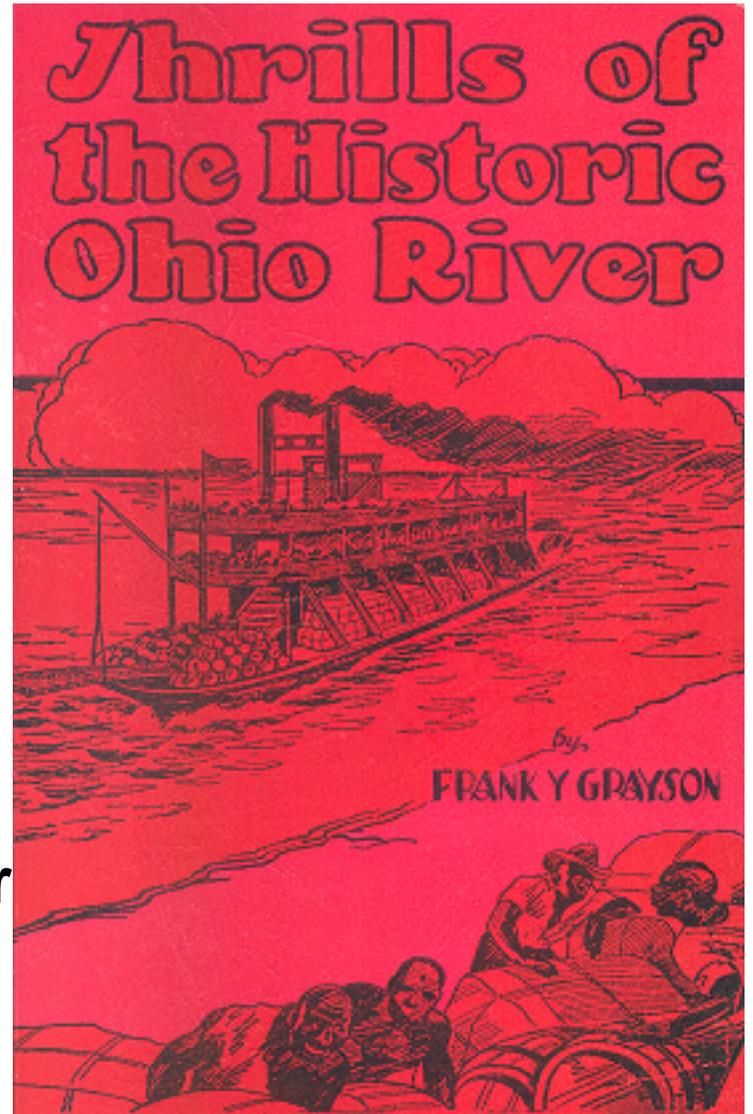
- **1960s 99%**

- **Now 100%**

- **Highly Industrialized area with very low quality at start**

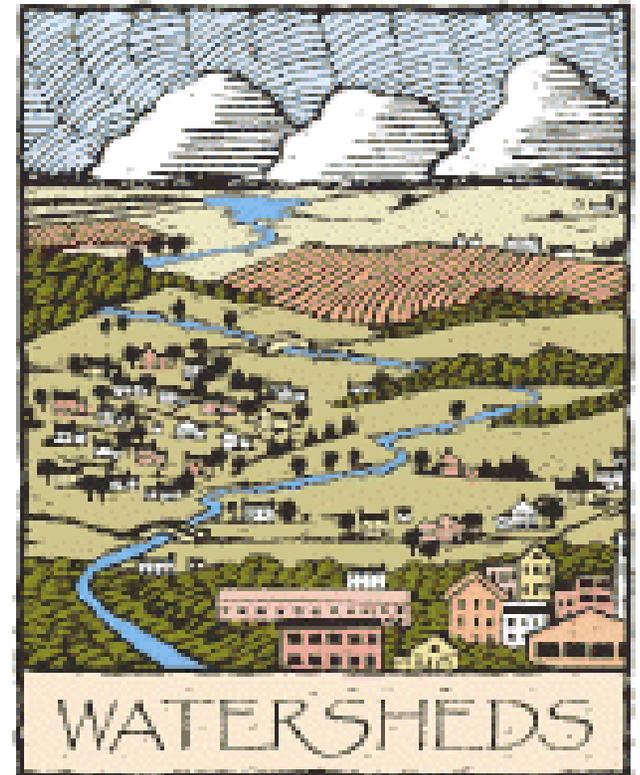
- **Slow to recognize combined sewer outflows**

- **Non point sources a problem**



Watershed Councils

- **Renewing interest in RB's in US**
- **Center = consensus building**
 - “nested hydrological units”
 - bottom up + top down
- **+information exchange**
- **+holistic- adaptive approaches**
- **+venue for dispute management**
- **+coordination**
- **But consensus along is not = to RB management**



THE TENNESSEE VALLEY

Petersburg
GILBERTSVILLE DAM

**Comp.
Regional
Authority
TVA**

K Y.

Nashville

T E N N.

NORRIS DAM

COUTE SHOES DAM

WATTS BAR DAM

FONTANA DAM

HEWES DAM

PICKWICK LANDING DAM

CHICKAMAUGA DAM

WHEELER DAM

GUNTERSVILLE DAM

WILSON DAM

N. C.

S. C.

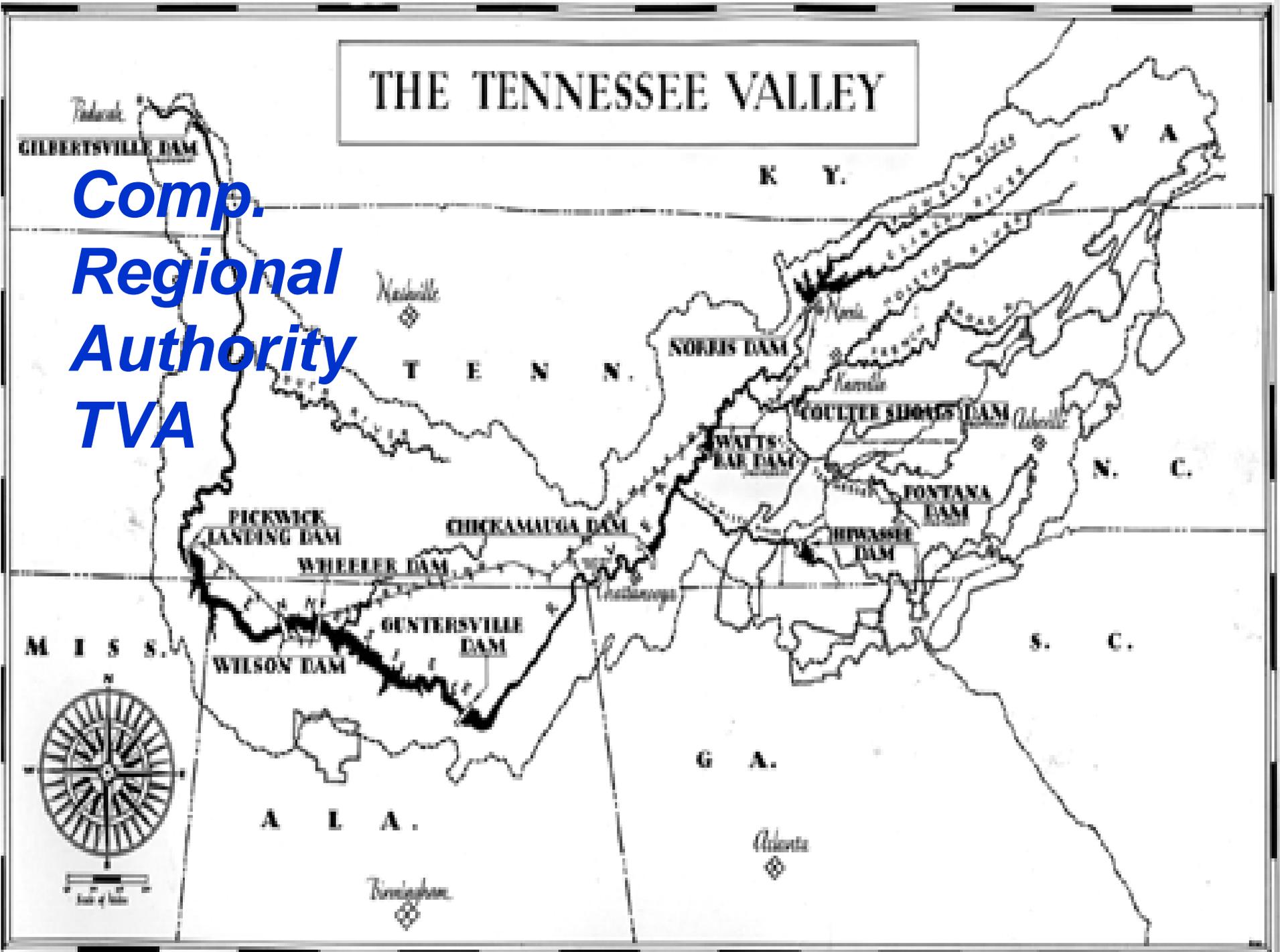
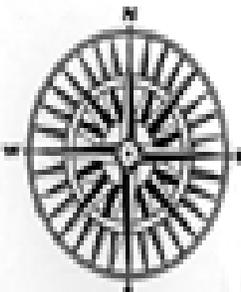
G A.

Atlanta

A L A.

Birmingham

M I S S.



Imagine a Place Where:

- 94% of property owners/98% of tenants have **no electricity**
- 30% of owners/41% of tenants **no toilets or outhouses**
- 65% of owners/ 78% of tenants must go **300 yards for water**
- 8% owners/3% tenants owned radios
- Less than 50% of owners/25% tenants read newspapers
- Less than 26% of owners/16% tenants own cars or trucks
- Over **60% of the horsepower required was from horses/ 6%** from electric stations
- More than 90% have **no lighting**
- More than 90% **no refrigeration** – thus loss of more than 25% of meat
- Most live on **subsistence farming**
- Over used **ruined soil**
- **Flooding** serious and repetitive to soil and cities

***THIS IS NOT A PART OF AFRICA TODAY
– IT IS THE TENNESSE VALLEY IN 1935***



A European Traveler noted:

“Even when I visited the better-off farms, I discovered that a very large percentage of them had kitchens with ovens burning wood –the poor cooking in pots and pans over a little fire on the hearth, as in the Middle Ages; that they were lighted by dim, smoking, smelly, oil lamps, that the washing of clothes was done by hand in antiquated tubs; that the water was brought into the house by the women and children, from wells invariably situated at inconvenient and tiring distances.....”

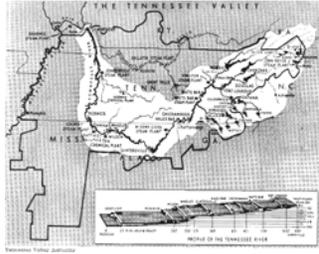


In a Generation ++

- \$224 million flood damages prevented
 - **in Tenn valley –Ohio - Miss rivers each year**
- \$4.9 billion flood damages prevented in Chattanooga
- \$5.4 Billion in whole valley
- Literacy almost 100%
- Life expectancy in 70's – small pox, malaria, typhoid gone
- Industrial production up over 500% -vibrant silicon valley industry
- Almost 700 miles of navigable water links to sea
- Tonnage increased from 32 million ton-miles in 1933 to 161 million ton-miles in 1942.
- Innovations in soil conservation, integrated watershed management, land use, non-structural FC, other areas
- Median incomes at national levels



TVA



On May 18, 1933, Congress passed the TVA act FDR asked Congress to create

“a corporation clothed with the power of government but possessed of the flexibility and initiative of a private enterprise.”

Regional Authority with power – authority – bonding authority – independence

- **Also a Federal Corporation**
- **Broad economic and Social Dev. *bring region out of poverty***
- **Integration, planning, development, management based on basin**
- **“Valley authorities” movement attacked by other Bur. + private power**



TVA (con.)

- **Hydro revenues used for community development**
- **At start – high level of support**
- **Orientated to community (within norms of era)**
- **Clear accountability**
- **Built knowledge base and technical expertise**



Observers Said:

John Paul Sartre: (in 1940s visit wrote articles in French about TVA)

- TVA was “a democratic effort,” - “a vast cooperative.”



John F Kennedy:

- “It is one of our nation’s greatest assets, not only for what it has accomplished for the Tennessee Valley and for the nation, but also for its great contribution to the free world’s efforts to win the minds of men.”
- *TVA, was “the best ambassador that the United States has ever had in the Middle East and Africa and Asia. If we want people to follow us, we have to lead.”*

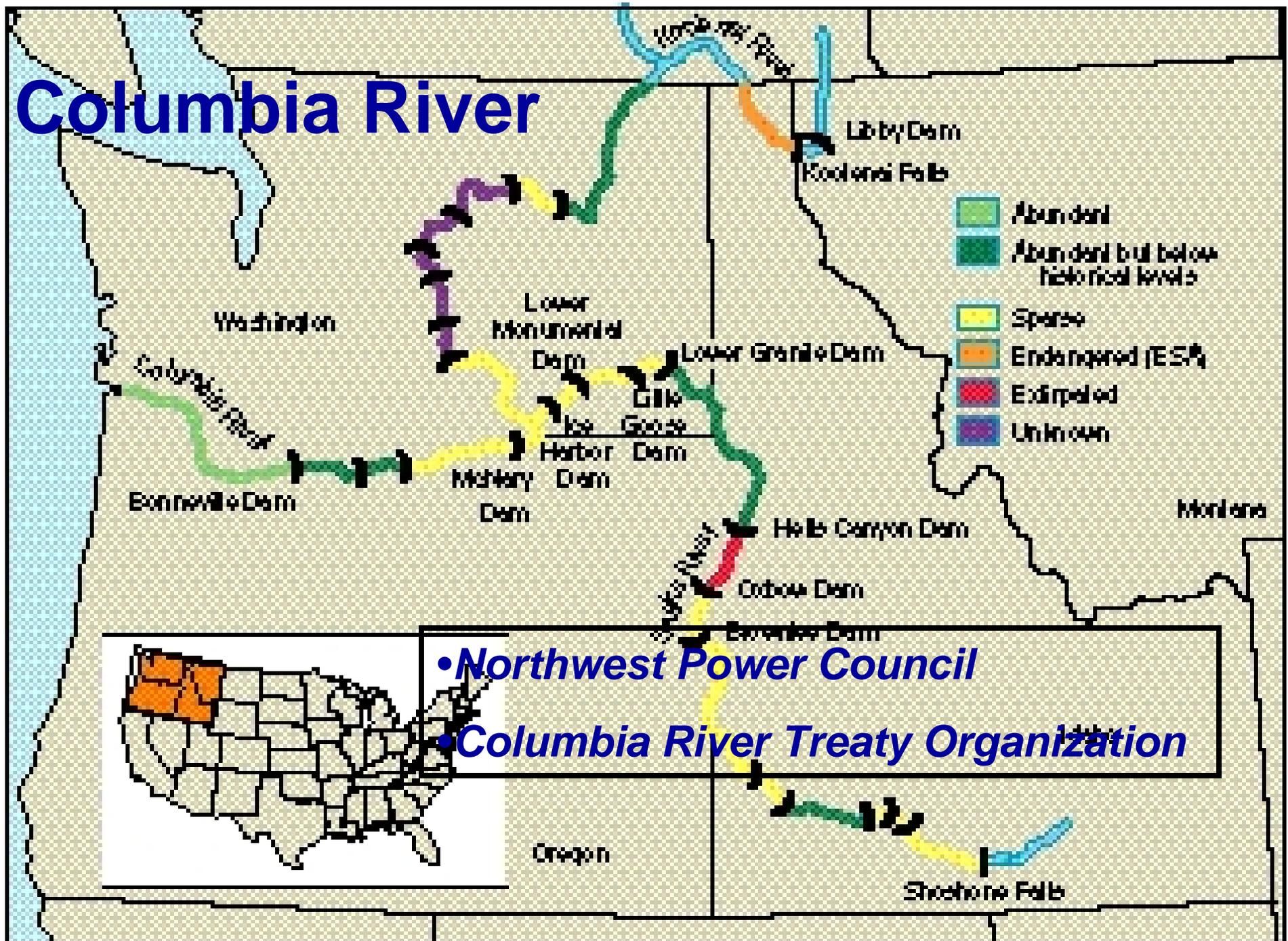


20th century US writer -John Gunther:

- After all, what impressed him most about TVA was
- its bottom line. TVA, he wrote, “proves that the idea
- of unified development works, that national resources
- can be developed with politics excluded and without
- prejudice to private enterprise.



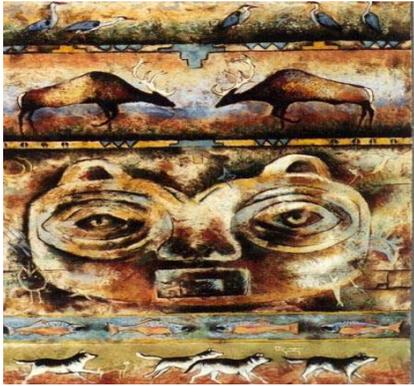
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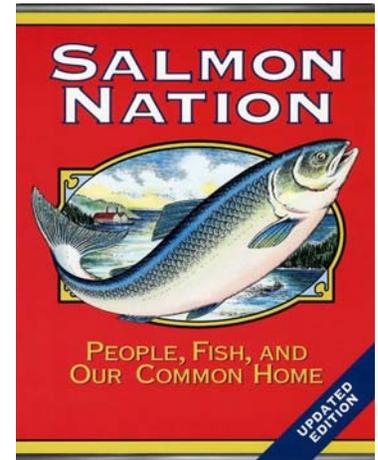
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- **79 facilities, 13 large dams 11 in US and 2 in Canada**
- **High Variability; depends on Snow mass; complex path in and out of Canada**





River Symbol of Unity: Diversity within Unity



The river has shaped humans and humans
the river

Invocation of the divine by all:

- Native Americans - Salmon based cultures
- Environmental Notions of Preservation
- Engineered Utilitarian view of the River (at
the Dalles 1915)



“This mighty work symbolizes the stern,
unfaltering determinations of the people That
our waters shall be free – free to serve the
uses and purposes of their creation by a divine
Providence....it is one river – our river in which
we all have a common Share..”

Salmon: Disputes -Summits-Studies

- Balance sought but system still had to deliver power
- Hatcheries no longer seen as solution to wild salmon declines
- Only fish harvesting and hydropower on the table – not other uses
- Large and growing number of interests
- 7 year drought & poor ocean conditions made balance impossible



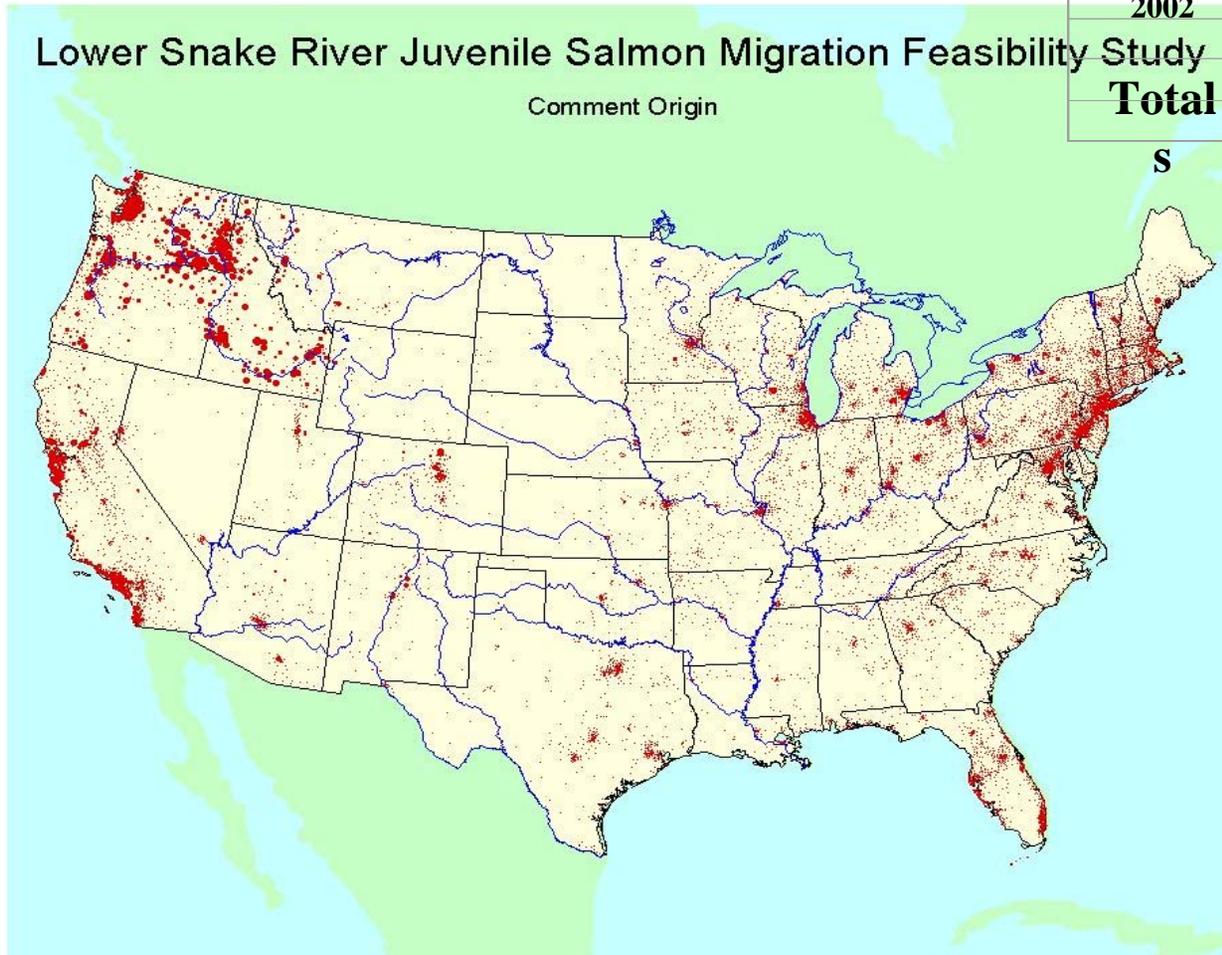
**1956 – 1992 222 official studies on
Salmon and Environment
1981 – 1996 Agencies spend \$3
Billion on Salmon Protection**



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Public Comment Process

YEAR	PROGRAMS	TOTAL AUDIENCE
1995	4	130
1997	18	773
1998	55	11,699
1999	86	8,656
2000	53	17,436
2001	12	335
2002	8	215
Total	236	39,244



**Interest
Values
Go
Beyond
Geography**

History of Basin Organizations

- Followed Crisis – Responses Cycle historically
- The 14 federal dams called: *Federal Columbia River Power System*
 - USACE, BuRec., BPA. Public and Private Utilities
- Corps 308 Plans
- 1940s - Attempt at Columbia Valley Authority - TVA type organization
- PNW Coordination Agreement – coordinating among non Federal and Federal entities
- Title II RBO
- Columbia River Treaty
- Federal Interagency agreements; BPA, BuRec, USACE
- Northwest Power Council
- *Two Rivers Concept* – Snake in Idaho and Federal system
- Uncertainty Today

Northwest Power Council

Interstate Commission

*Followed old Title II Pacific
Northwest River Basin commission*

Federal legislation 1980 established to:

dev. 20 electric power plan for region

dev. program to protect fish

creation of forum among all stakeholders

8 appointees by governors – two from each state

3 year terms

NO Federal Gov. representatives!

47 person technical staff

***If States did not act, then Federal
would create Federal council***

Northwest power council

- **Authority: congress powerful coordinating means with little disruption**
- **Congress tells USACE, BRec, FERC to obey planning guidance of NWPC**
- **Tension with Federal Agencies**
- **No authority in water rights**
- **No authority to modify State agency and tribal governments**

**Budget requests within Bonneville Power Authority BPA
Builds on tradition of cross subsidies of hydro for other
purposes; *hydro funds fish mitigation***

***Complex decision Rules:
Majority vote based on a
quorum of majority***

Columbia River Treaty Organization



* Established by TREATY

** Established by ENTITY

*** Established by PEB

Columbia River Treaty Organization

- Driven by droughts and floods
- Canada has 15% of basin area but 30% flow
- 1944 – 1959 IJC studied cooperation options – treaty signed 1964 by all
- Canada – US – BC
- Complex system of selling downstream power benefits in exchange for upstream storage benefits on 30 year basis
- 6 year assured operation planning AOP
- Yearly detailed operation planning DOP

Columbia River Treaty Organization

- US entity = USACE = CDE + Bonneville
- Canadian entity = CEO BC Hydro
- Treaty coordinators are liaisons among entities
- Operating committee does technical work
- ***Show how to negotiate creation and use of benefits versus fighting over allocation of flow (Integration of hydro and flood storage benefits)***

Socio-Economic Progress

Tennessee Valley

Columbia¹

	BEFORE	AFTER	BEFORE	AFTER
	1920s-30s	One generation	1920s -30s	One generation
Access to Water	2% of farms reported water piped in the house in 1920 (10% U.S. wide)	75% of homes were supplied with water by the public system or a private company in 1970 - (82% U.S. wide)	23% (12-29%) of farms reported water piped in the house in 1920. (10% U.S. wide)	79% (70-86%) of homes were supplied with water by the public system or a private company in 1970 (82% U.S. wide)
Toilets sanitation				
Units with flush toilet	35% in 1940 (65% U.S. wide)	72% in 1960 (90% U.S. wide)	63% (45-74%) in 1940 (65% U.S. wide)	93% (89-95%) in 1960 (90% U.S. wide)
Units with plumbing facilities	24% in 1940 (55% U.S. wide)	85% in 1970 (93% U.S. wide)	55% (38-65%) in 1940 (55% U.S. wide)	96% (95-97%) in 1970 (93% U.S. wide)

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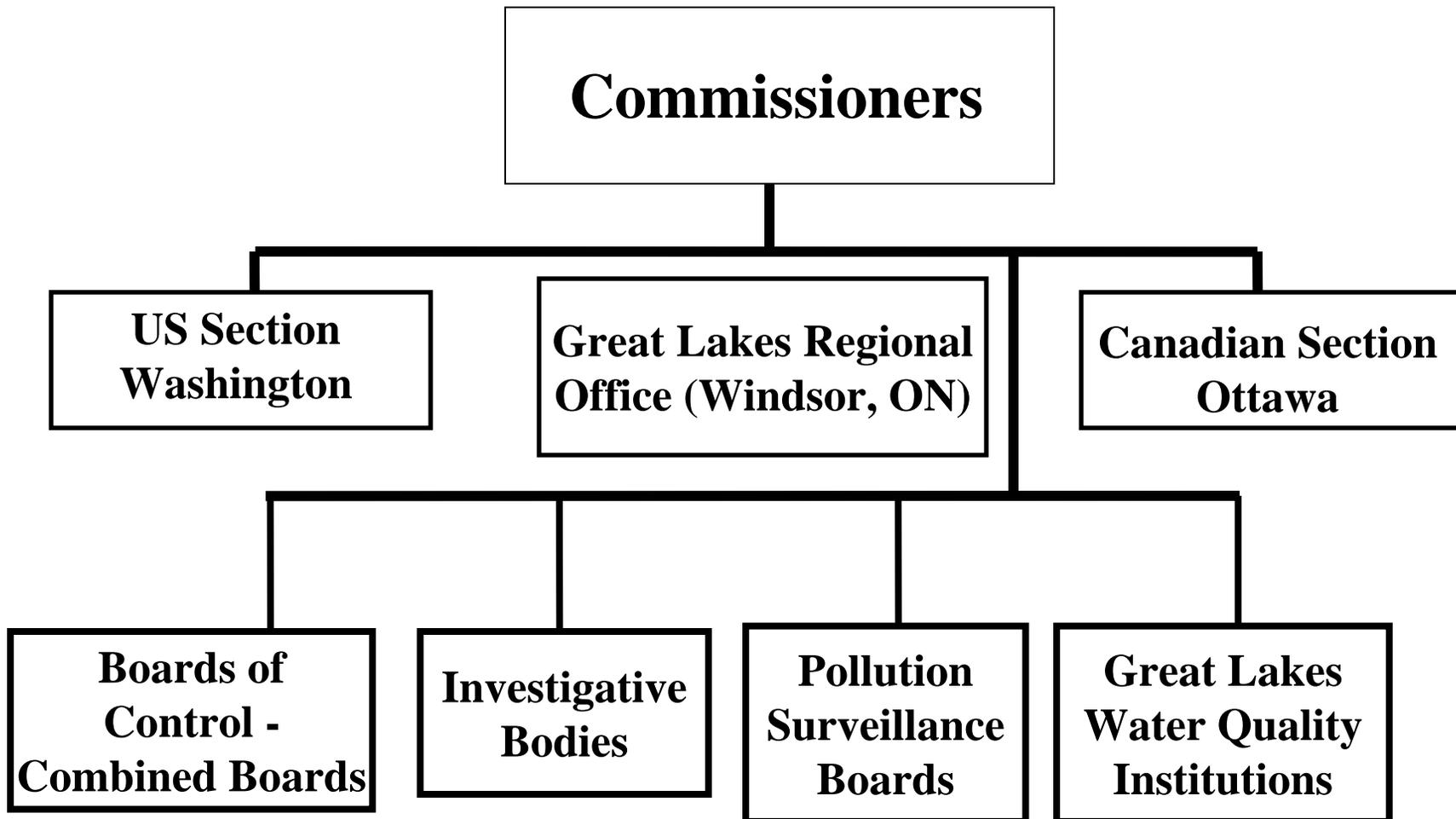
Columbia¹

	BEFORE	AFTER	BEFORE	AFTER
	1920s-30s	+ One generation	1920s -30s	+ One generation
Personal Income per Capita	\$320 in 1930	\$2,700 in 1968	\$590 (\$500-\$660) in 1930	\$3,400 (\$2,900-\$3,800) in 1968
Life Expectancy	4.3% of the population aged 65 years and over in 1920 (4.7% nationwide)	9.7% of the population aged 65 years and over in 1970 (9.7% nationwide)	4.4% of the population aged 65 years and over in 1920 (4.7% nationwide)	9.6% of the population aged 65 years and over in 1970 (9.7% nationwide)
Illiteracy	10.3% illiterate among the population of 10 years old and over in 1920 (6% U.S. wide) Urban = 7% (4.4% U.S.) Rural = 11.6% (7.7% U.S.)	Quasi No illiteracy by 1920's census definition. 94% of persons 14 to 17 years old in school (93% U.S. wide)	1.6% illiterate among the population of 10 years old and over in 1920 (6% U.S. wide) Urban = 1.5% (4.4% U.S.) Rural = 1.6% (7.7% U.S.)	Quasi No illiteracy by 1920's census definition. 88% of persons 14 to 17 years old in school (93% U.S. wide)

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IJC Organization



Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

- **No Obstructions or Diversions of Boundary Waters Affecting Natural Level or Flow Without Approval of the IJC (or Special Agreements Between the Governments) (III)**
- **No Works on Transboundary Waters That Raise Levels Upstream on Other Side of Boundary Without Approval of IJC (or Special Agreements Between the Governments) (IV)**



Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909



- **IJC is obligated to Protect Interests on One side of the Boundary from Actions on the Other Side**
- **IJC Will Observe Precedence of Uses:**
 - **Domestic and Sanitary**
 - **Navigation**
 - **Power and Irrigation (VIII)**

IBWC International Boundary Waters Commission

- **Two commissioners – licensed engineers**
- **Neutrality + expertise**
- **Pressure to more activist**
- **More on environmental**
- **Broader public access to its deliberations**



Practical Aspects of Designing Transboundary and River Basin Organizations

- **FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
 - Soft, Hard, Others
- **MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**
 - Technical, Admins, political, power sharing, NGOS,
- **OPERATING RULES**
 - Consensus, majority, access
- **AUTHORITIES**
 - Soft, hard, positive roles,
- **LEGAL BASIS AND STRUCTURES**
 - Formal, informal
- **FINANCING METHODS**
 - External, internal, # sources,



Photo: Abdullahi Eshward Ecologists

Some Design Principles

- **High Political (Ministerial) commitment**
- **Meaningful community input**
- **Move beyond “impact fixation”**
- **Bring operational and implementation interest into design**
- **Open and transparent rules of behavior**
- **Foster norms of collaboration**
- **Creating trusted technical capacity**
- **Establish means for resolving disputes**
- **Separate administrative and policy**
- **Promote flexibility and creativity**
- **Foster regional shared visions of river**

Water Decisions = Ethical Decisions

- **Water debates mirror debates of social ethics**
 - water as a common good
 - water and human dignity
 - water as facilitator of well being
 - rights and responsibilities to access
 - water and social justice
 - wealth generation roles of water
- **Water as symbol of reconciliation, healing, regeneration.**

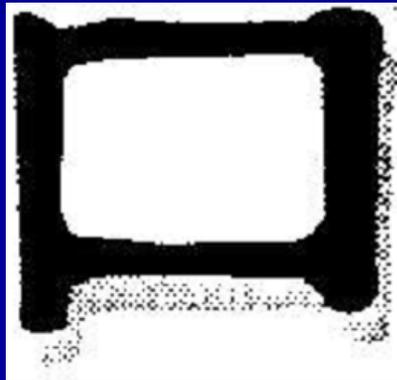


**Water management (and water reform) is
ALWAYS political.....**

**Ancient Chinese Characters describing water
management**



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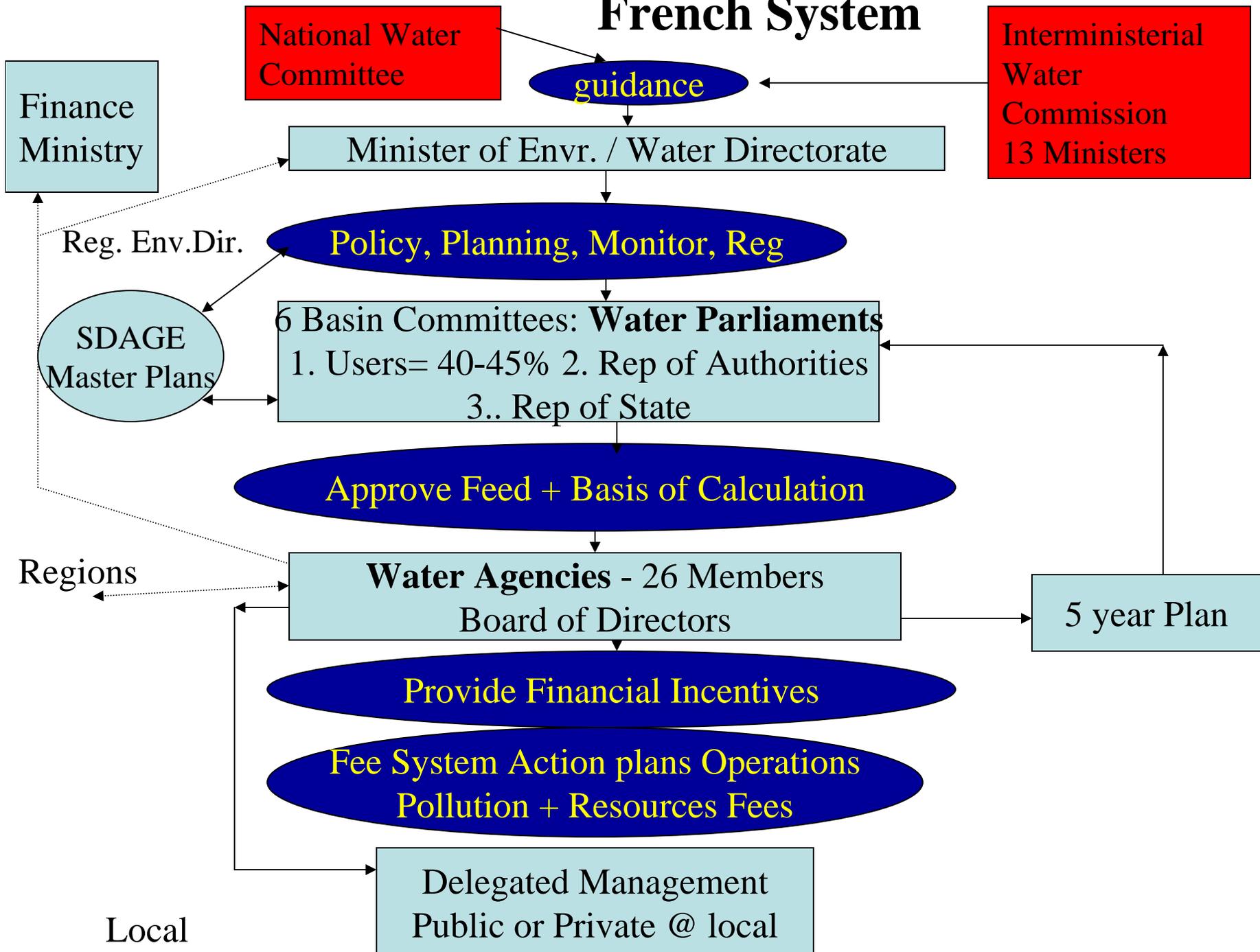
**Political
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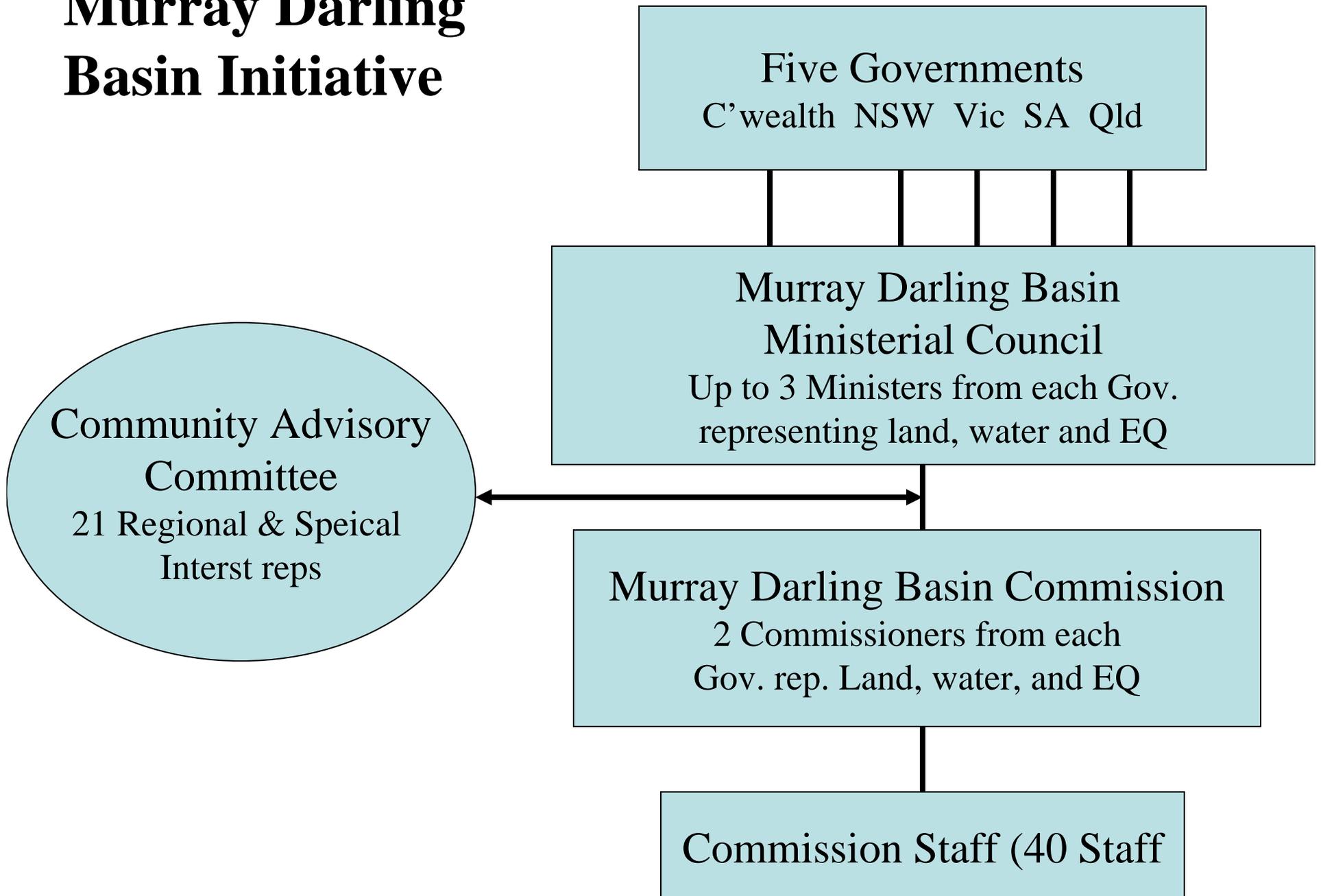
**Only one who can govern water,
He can govern a country.**

**One who wants to govern his country
Should govern water first.**

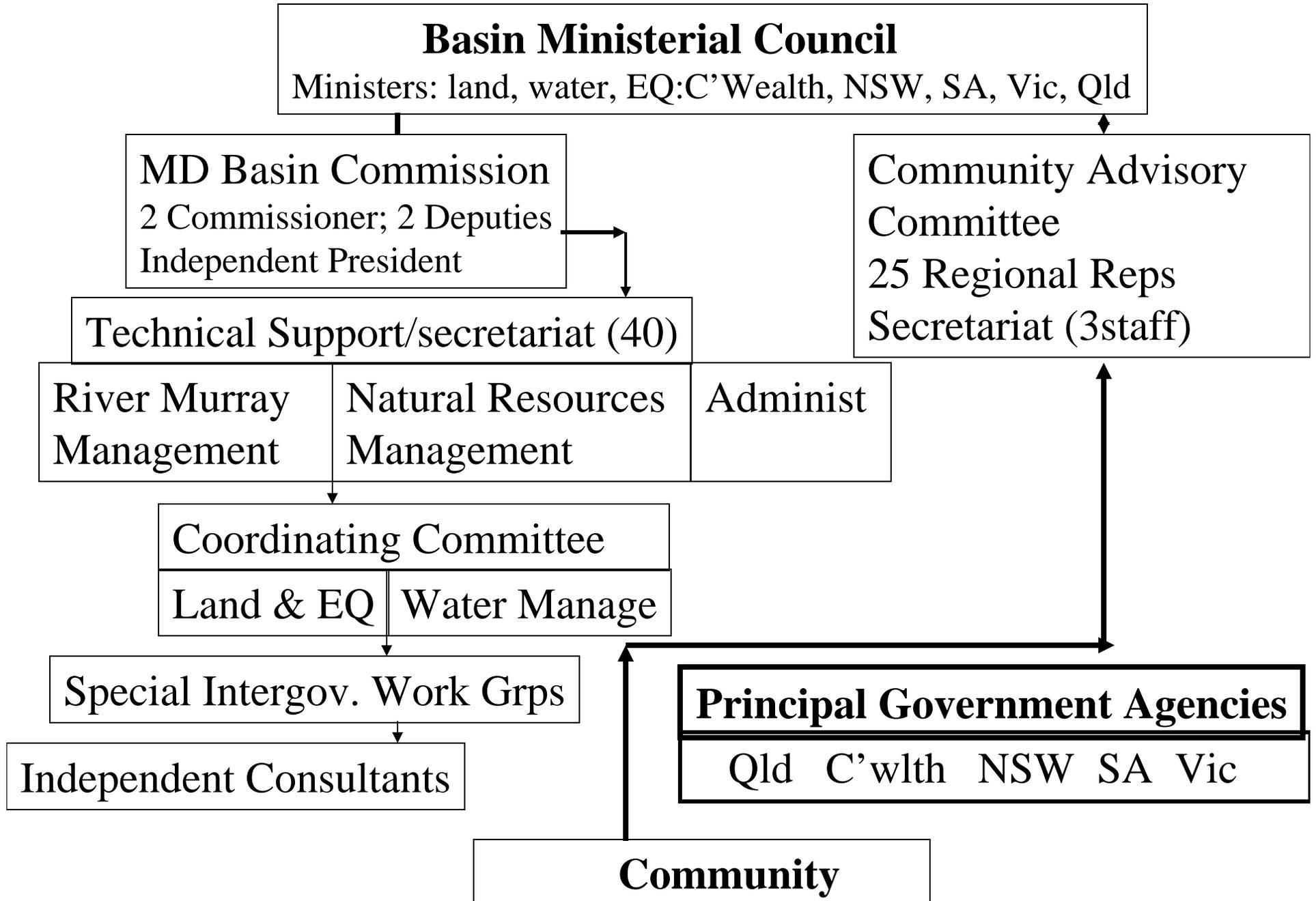
French System



Murray Darling Basin Initiative



Murray Darling Basin Ministerial Council Structure



Restoring the Environment

From Preservation to Design

- Ecosystems continue to be destroyed
- Lack of environmental data
- Coordination between agencies
- Treat environmental benefits the same as economic benefits



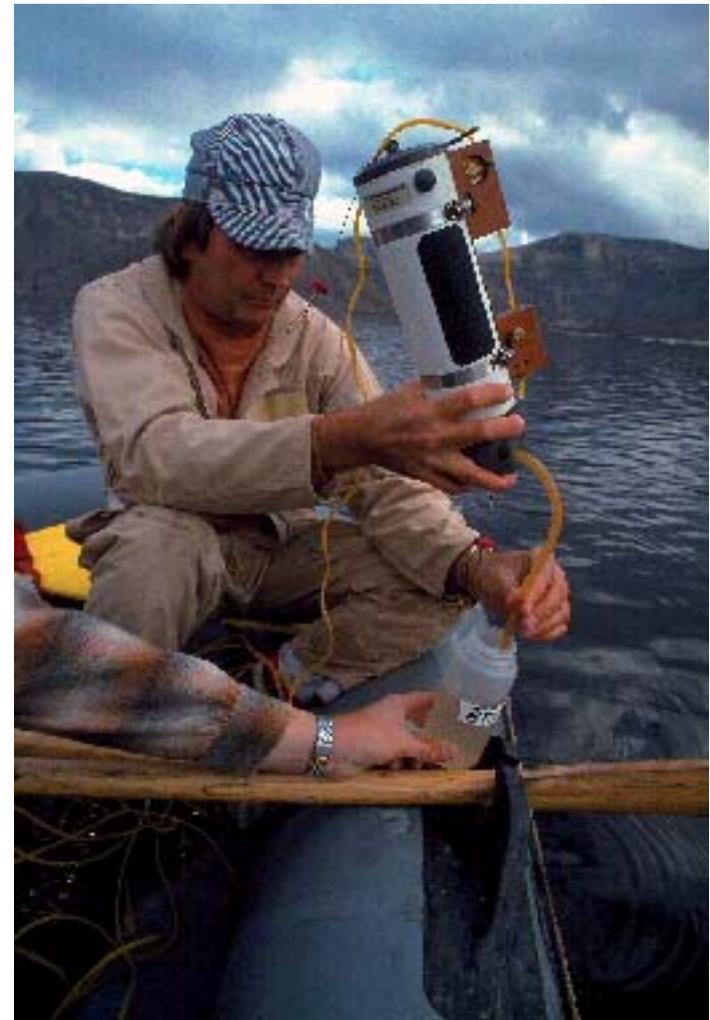
Restoring the Environment

- Over 53% of wetlands have been lost as a result of human actions
- About 35% of all endangered species live in or depend on wetlands
- Watershed approach is required to understand cumulative impacts
- Wetlands provide annual benefits of \$14.8 billion



Suggested Actions

- Watershed approach
- Funding for assessing and monitoring
 - Environmental health
 - Testing mitigation techniques
 - Develop environmental friendly technologies
- Educate public on env. issues
- Collaborate with other agencies
 - consistency in environmental regulations
- Make environment a co-equal with economic benefits



Suggested Actions

- Incorporation of sustainability principles
- Reducing time lags and delivering projects faster
- Full stakeholder participation in Decision making and early participation
- Beyond “impact fixation” Include consideration of economic and social and environmental benefits during project formulation
- More consistent interpretation of NED benefits

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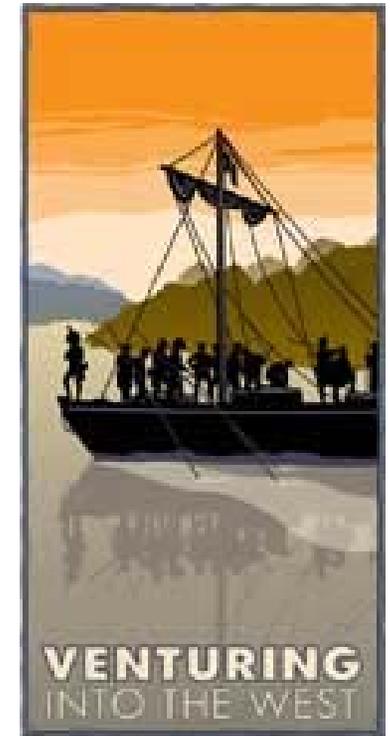
Columbia Overview

- **Benefits**
 - Flood protection, cost based (non market power), navigation corridor to interior, reclamations projects financed by congress, hydropower; recreation; half the electricity used in the NW
- **A financial Bargain for the Region**
 - Low interest loans long term repayment schedules
 - BPA has great autonomy as long as keeps up repayments



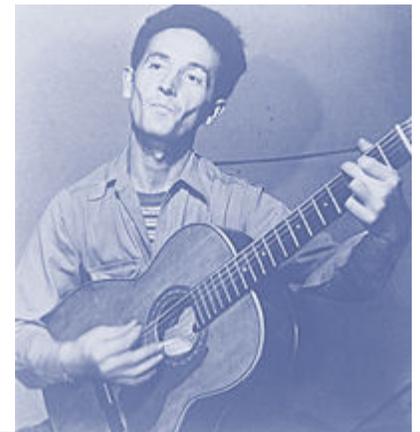
History

- Early history is of Salmon and Indigenous cultures –trappers, explorers Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Western Expansion
- Irrigation grows from the federal 1902 Reclamation Act but achieves about half of planned coverage
- Navigation initially slow and not economic
- 1930s Federal New Deal - Bonneville, Grand Coulee
- Energy Demand Grows, Industrial development grows
- WWII huge demand Congress authorizes Chief Joseph, Albeni Falls, Libby, John Day the Dalles dams.
- 1948 Corps 308 report recommends more dams but; Movement toward non-Federal development
- 308 recommends 20 million acre feet of storage but not enough to support growth
- Leads to Treaty with Canada up – downstream agreements



History Early 20th Century

- **1920's Private reaction to public roles by private power**
 - **Single purpose power licensing**
leads to congress law for 308 basin reports on all rivers in US by Corps
 - **Search for political constituencies and financing for large projects leads to multipurpose larger public+federal role**
 - **Reductions of private role on rivers**
 - **Reduction of single purpose**
 - **Pinchot view vs. Muir view of resources (Utilitarian vs. Preservationist)**



Woodie Guthrie, "Talking River Blues.." 1920's

"...thought about a river going to waste. ..thought about the people....thought the land....them Salmon Fish are pretty smart too....They got Senators and a Politician or two...just like a President they run every 4 years...."

Modern Era

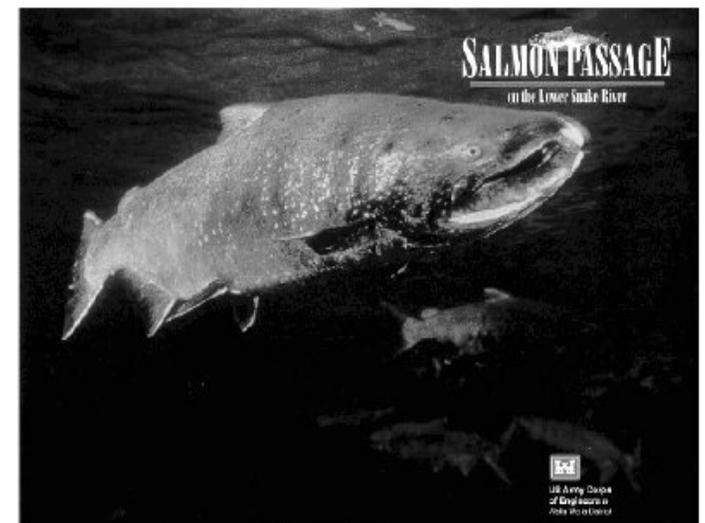
New Values - Limits

- 1980s Utilities fighting over entitlements to low cost energy from system
- Growing tribal assertion fishing rights – most traditional grounds on upper reaches
- Reduced aquifer recharge due to increased efficient irrigation – conflict between senior hydro and junior irrigator rights – hydro wins
- Formation of Northwest Power Planning Council to consider the EQ, hydro, efficiency, fish and wildlife.
- New fish and wildlife statutes
- Agreement to comprehensive Snake River water adjudication



1990s

- Energy surplus of 1980s disappears
- Movements to markets away from centralized BPA model
- Salmon summit – but no consensus
- Rethinking of science behind Salmon – emergence of “core” habitat notion – all buried in reservoirs
- PATH modeling to test different approaches
- Taking dams out more likely that salmon would recover but uncertain.
- Federal Agencies study again
- Concept emerges that the tributary and estuaries are the most important
 - attention drawn away from Snake dams
- Opinion proposes aggressive *all HS process*
 - hatchery, hydro, and harvests
 - still in mediation

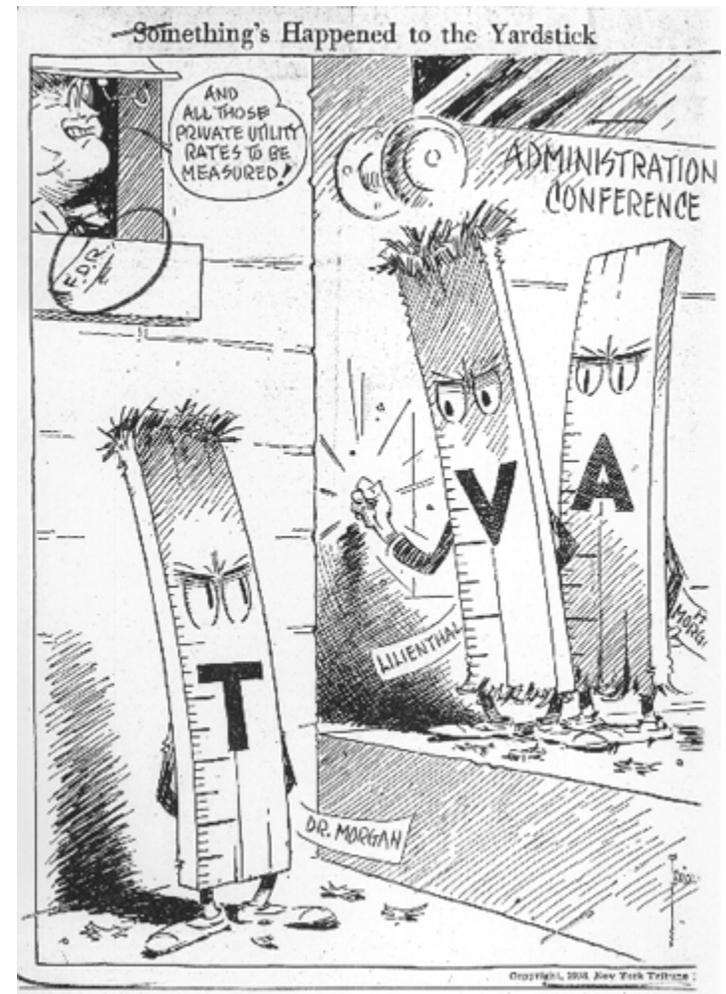


Cheap Electricity

Roosevelt - the idea of a Government "yardstick" for utility rates in 1932

“The **average cost of power** for all 29 hydroelectric projects in the FCRPS is about 0.7 cents/kWh. When **factoring in the costs for transmission, conservation investments (protecting salmon runs), renewables, nuclear costs and the regional exchange** the total cost of BPA’s power is about 2.3 cents/kWh. **This is the rate at which the regional ratepayers are charged.**”

(<http://www2.kenyon.edu/Projects/Dams/bec03wilsona.html>)



Bonneville Power Administration

- **Self-financed federal agency** under the Department of Energy.
- BPA is a **not-for-profit** agency. Legally mandated to recover all of its costs in the rates it charges customers for wholesale electricity and transmission services.
- Funds all ongoing operations and **repays**, each year, the **Federal investment** in the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), **including costs of hydropower dams and transmission system, through the sale of wholesale electricity and transmission services.**
- The federal system **provides about 45 percent of the Pacific Northwest's electric energy and 75 percent of its high voltage transmission.**

Sustainable Development “Overarching Elements”

- **Economic Efficiency**
- **Environmental Health**
- **Social Well-being and Equity**
“the three elements are interdependent and must be pursued simultaneously and in a balanced way if sustainable development goals are to be met” (***sounds like the original Principles and Standards of 1973/80!***)

Canada – Prairie Water Board (PWB)

- Monitors flows, provides oversight on water quality, advises on disputes, uses fact-finding and technical committees.
- Built on a master agreement among the Canadian Prairie provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.
- Within master allocation agreement, provinces reach bilateral agreements. Requirements defined at the borders of jurisdictions.
- Each jurisdiction manages their own water in inside their jurisdiction.
- The PWB monitors flow at the borders.
- Operates by consensus. It maintains strong technically credible support.
- Flexible - rules can be redefined as it grows.
- Dispute resolution mechanisms are defined.
- Facilitates information exchange.
- ***Many of these lessons are echoed in other basin initiatives. Indeed, a similar process is underway on the Mackenzie River.***

Some Lessons

- **INCENTIVES**

- Intervenors with Resources/power
- Facilitators of dialog
- Incentives vs. threat or force

- **SUPPORT**

- Bottoms up: regional, sui-generis
- Real participation of SH's

Some Lessons (con.)

- **EVOLUTIONARY**
 - Begins as secure forum for dialog and grows
 - Org's change: purposes/uses added as values change

Sources of Fragmentation

- **POLITICAL**
 - Externalities
 - Asymmetries
 - Symmetries
- **BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT**
 - Executive
 - Legislative
 - judicial
- **FUNCTIONS - INTERESTS**
 - Agencies and constituencies defined functionally (fc, ws,)
 - But resources are integrated

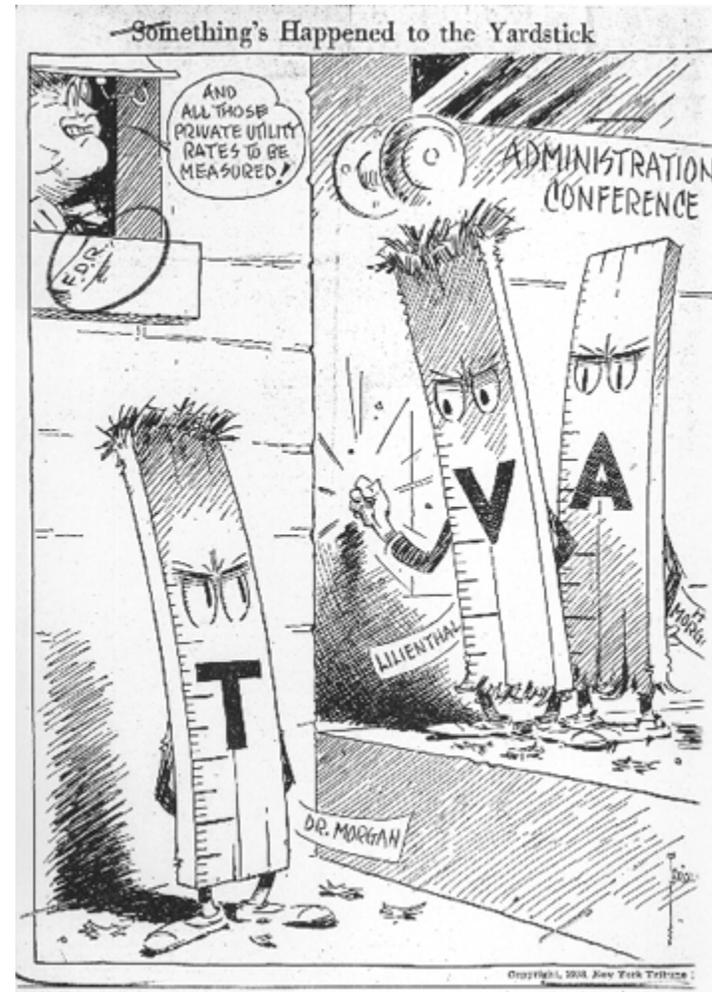
Sources of Fragmentation (con.)

- **LEGAL DOCTRINES**
 - Different Levels of rights
 - Different legal regimes (ground vs.. surface.. Riparian vs.. appropriate)
 - Preservation vs. wise use
 - Ec Dev vs. Ecology
- **CONFLICTING IDEOLOGIES - VALUES**

FDR, TVA and Press Cartoons



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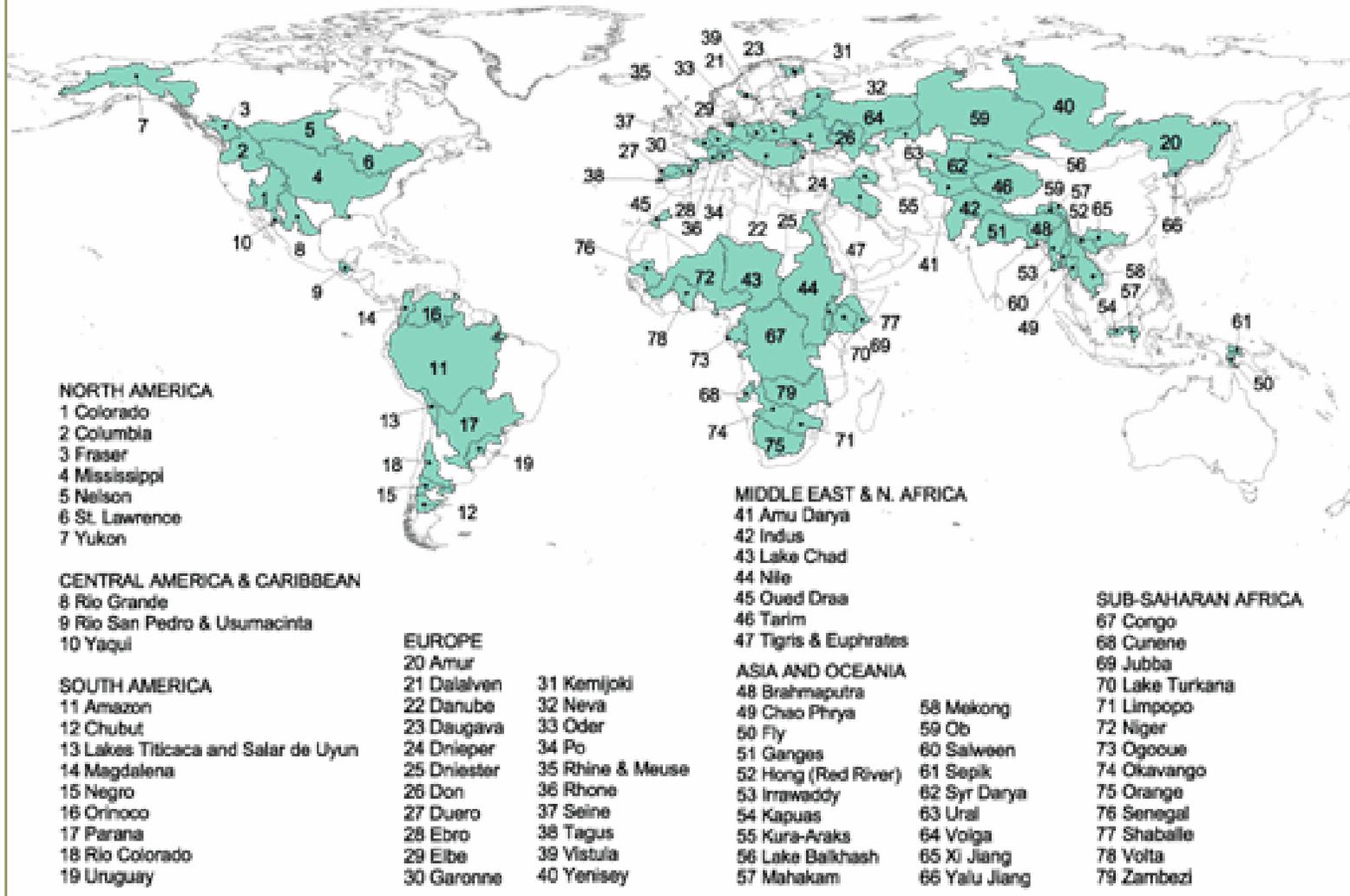


In a Generation ++

- \$224 million flood damages prevented
 - in **Tenn valley –Ohio - Miss rivers each year**
- \$4.9 billion flood damages prevented in Chattanooga
- \$5.4 Billion in whole valley
- Literacy almost 100%
- Life expectancy in 70's – small pox, malaria, typhoid gone
- Industrial production up over 500% -vibrant silicon valley industry
- Almost 700 miles of navigable water links to sea
- Tonnage increased from 32 million ton-miles in 1933 to 161 million ton-miles in 1942.
- Innovations in soil conservation, land use, NSF and other areas
- Median incomes at national levels
- Dams were a popular destination for tourists 1000 people a day visited Wilson, Wheeler and Norris Dams in 1930s.
- Fertilizer program on the farms now twice as productive per acre as the average American farm.
- Electricity drew industries into the region, provided jobs
- By 1950 had become the nation's largest electricity supplier – in 1959 total self financing power
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River Basin Boundaries do not Coincide with Political Boundaries

Figure 1: Selected Transboundary River Basins



From China 2000 years ago ++ Lao Tze....

The sage's transformation of the World arises from solving the problem of water. If water is united, the human heart will be corrected. If water is pure and clean, the heart of the people will readily be unified and desirous of cleanliness. Even when the citizenry's heart is changed, their conduct will not be depraved. So the sage's government.... consists of talking to people and persuading them, family by family. The pivot (of work) is water.

Building River Basin Organizations

Conditions for Success

- **High Political (Ministerial) commitment**
- **Meaningful community input**
- **High knowledge levels**
- **Clear accountability among participants**
- **Flexibility and creativity in the RBO**
- **Design structures based on functions/missions**
- **Fostering perceptions of basin as a whole**
- **Using process tools**
- **Means for Conflict Management**
- **Separating Admin. and policy: Regulating and constructing**

IWRM and Planning

IWRM Achieved through complex ratios of cost sharing that vary by purposes - all make up Multiple uses and lead to calculation of BCR at Federal level

Purposes – Uses

Cost Sharing = % of costs born by entities sponsoring

Flood Control

Federal

Navigation

Federal – Local partnerships
– ratios changing

Hydropower

Local - Federal

Eco Systems

Federal – Local

Irrigation

Federal – Local

Water Supply

Local

Recreation

Local

**Levels - Techniques
of Participation**

Level of Participation

Forming/Agreeing
to Decisions

Having an Influence
on Decisions

Being Heard
Before Decisions

Knowledge About
Decisions

High

Joint Decision making

Conciliation/Mediation

Assisted Negotiations

Collaboration/Mediation

Facilitation/Interactive
Workshops

Task Forces/Advisory
Groups

Conferences

Public Hearings

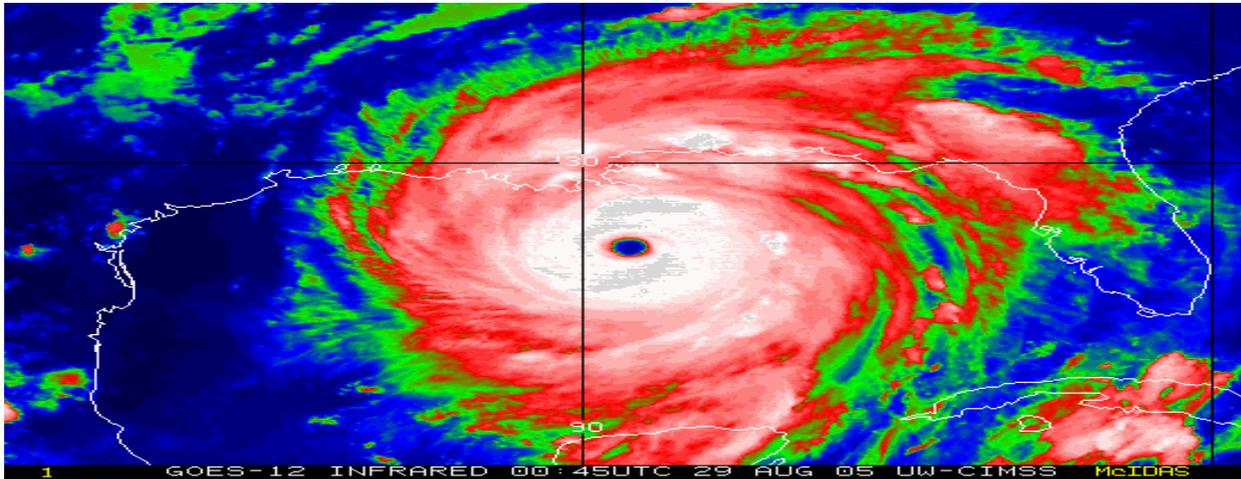
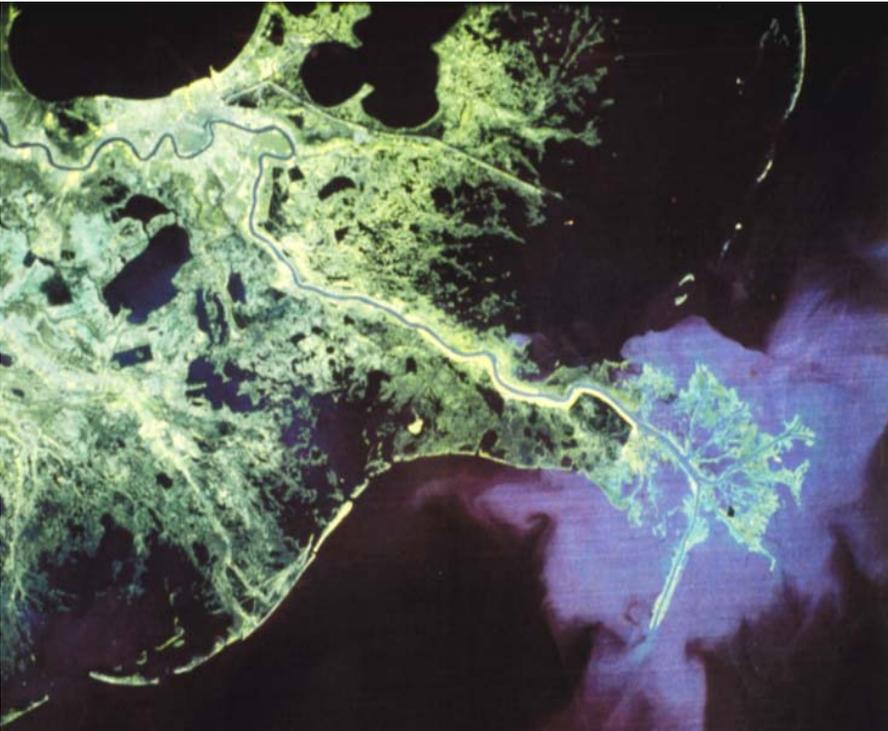
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COASTAL LOUISIANA





Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

TVA – Start and Purposes

On May 18, 1933, Congress passed the TVA act
FDR asked Congress to create *“a corporation clothed with the power of government but possessed of the flexibility and initiative of a private enterprise.”*

TVA built dams to harness the region’s rivers to control floods, improve navigation, and to generate electricity.

TVA weighed each issue in relation to the others -- power production, navigation, flood control, malaria prevention, reforestation, or erosion control.....

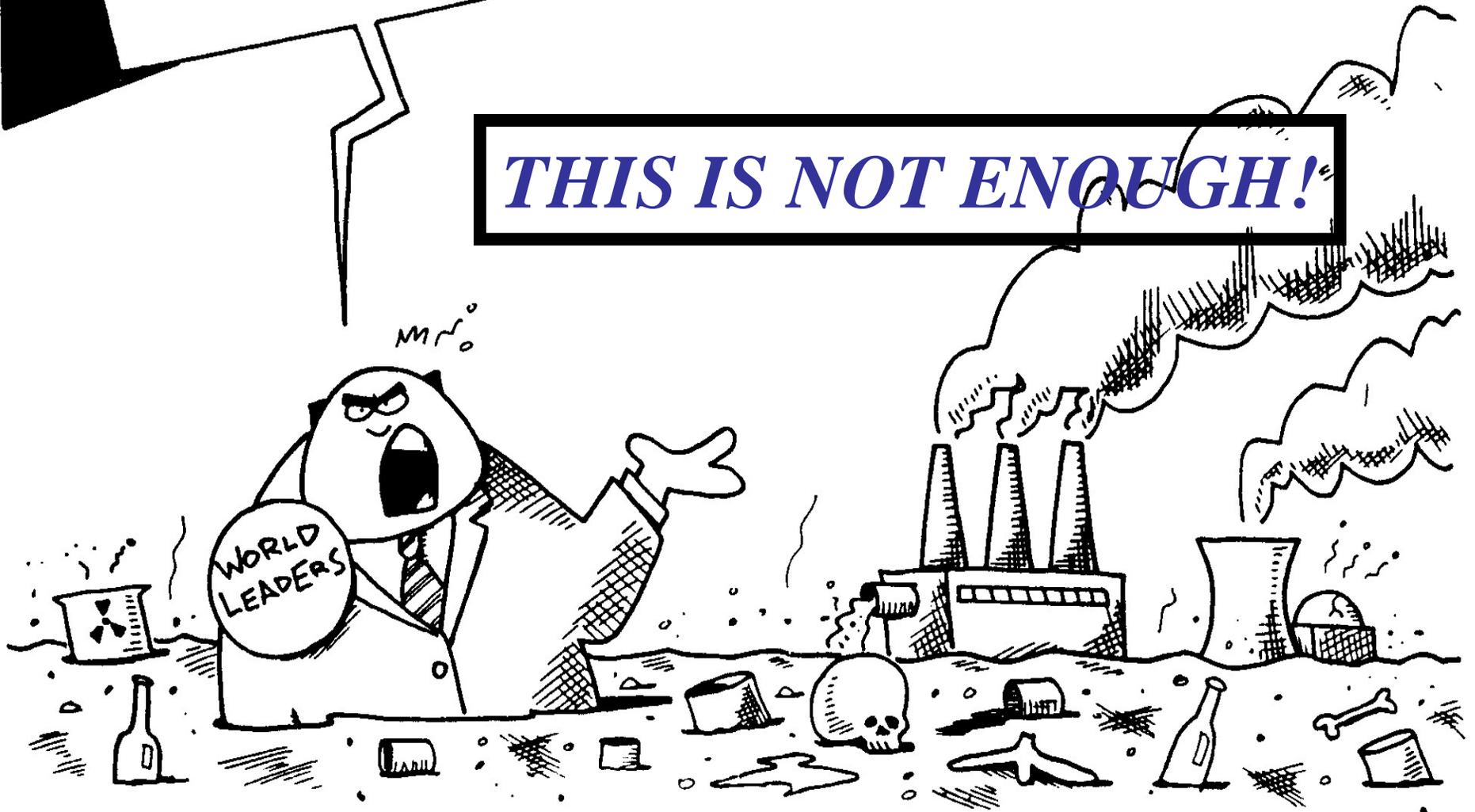


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FOR EARTH ACTION EA

I WENT TO THE
EARTH SUMMIT...
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

THIS IS NOT ENOUGH!



Lyndon Johnson, The Creator of U.S. War On Poverty

On: Water, Role of Government,
Water and Poverty, His Public Achievements

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty
Platform for Growth

“Of all the endeavors on which I have worked
In public life, I am proudest of the accomplishments
In developing the Colorado River. It is not the damming
of the stream or the harnessing of the Floods in which
I take pride. But rather in the ending of the waste of the
region. The region – so unproductive in my youth - Is now
a vital part of the national economy and potential. More
important, the wastage of human resources in the whole
region. Has been reduced. Men and women have been
released From the waste of drudgery and toil against the
Unyielding rocks of the Texas hills. ***This is the true
fulfillment of the true responsibilities of government***”
(Lyndon Johnson 1958)



Water and People

Mutli purposes

Water is Everyone's Business: Recycling through us All

Throughout History Thousands of years of History – B.C.
to Today - Poets have written allegorically:

*.....Water as Humanities Carrier of its Collective
Memory*

Today Scientists:

*.....speak of the same water recycling through us over
Time and space*

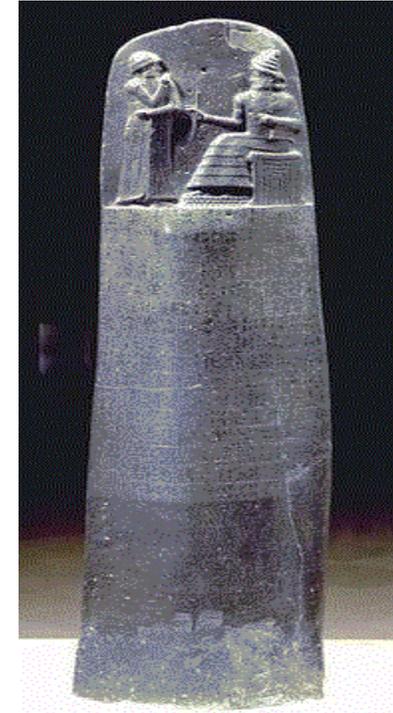
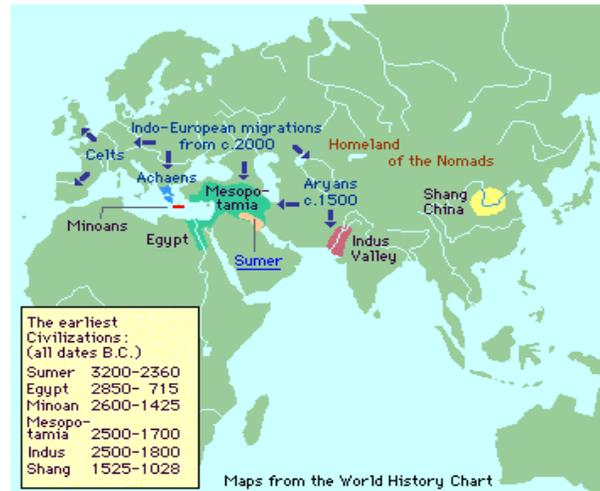
.....and of molecules carrying information.....

C.J. Jung

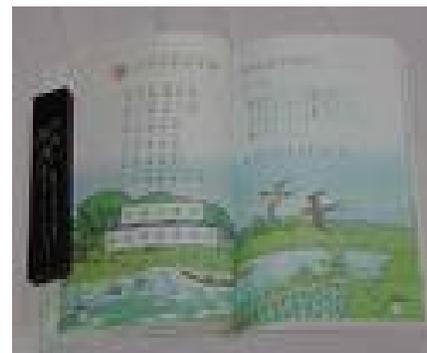
....water as the symbol of the unconscious

Ancient Evidence

Evidence of functional cooperation or unification of states around river Basins can be found in Hammurabi's' code on operations of irrigation trenches



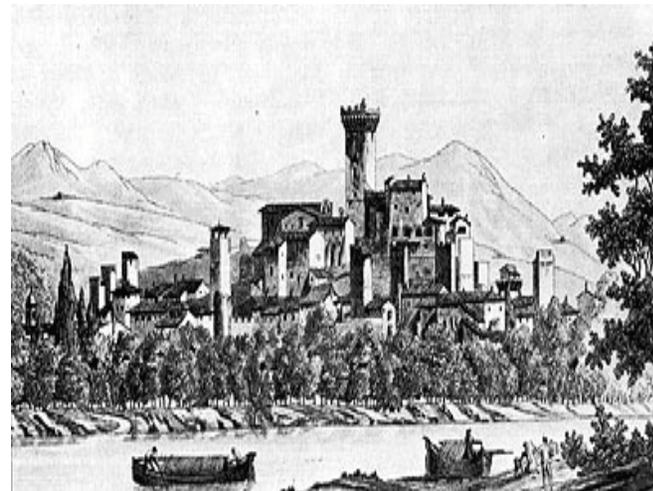
...Or, in Chinese book of the Tang on operation of water wheels



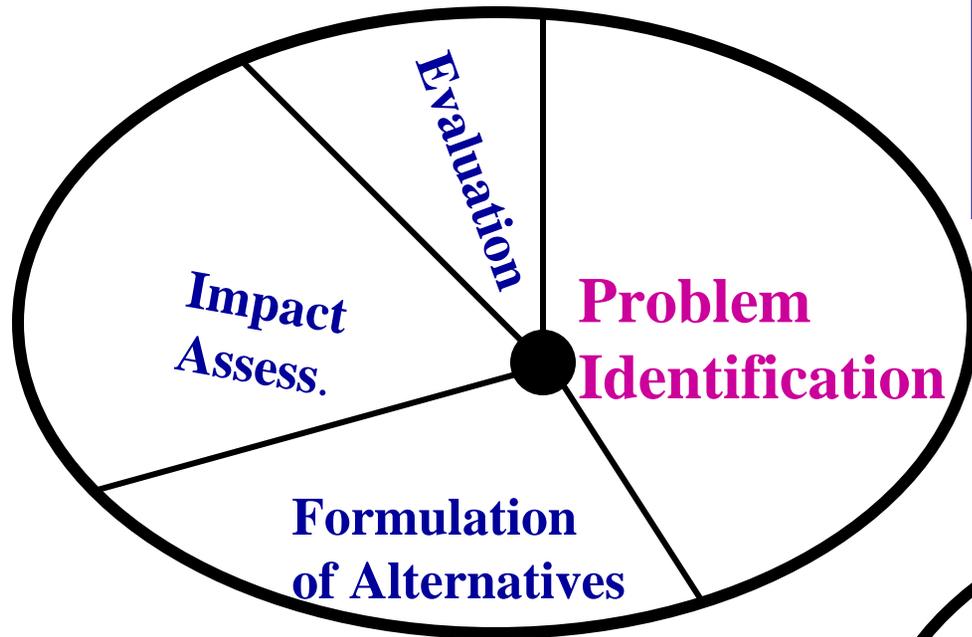
Rome and European Rivers



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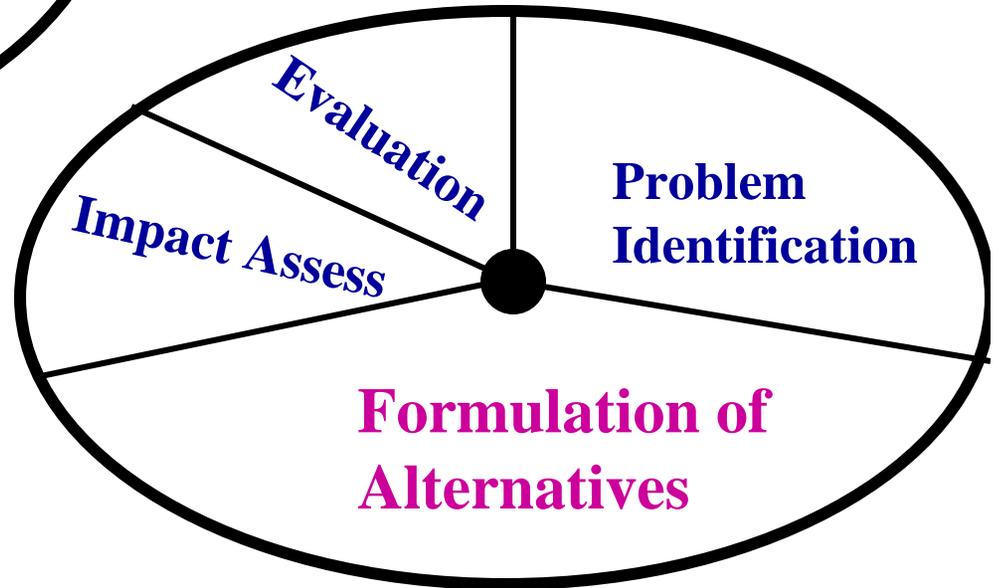


Planning Process: Phases

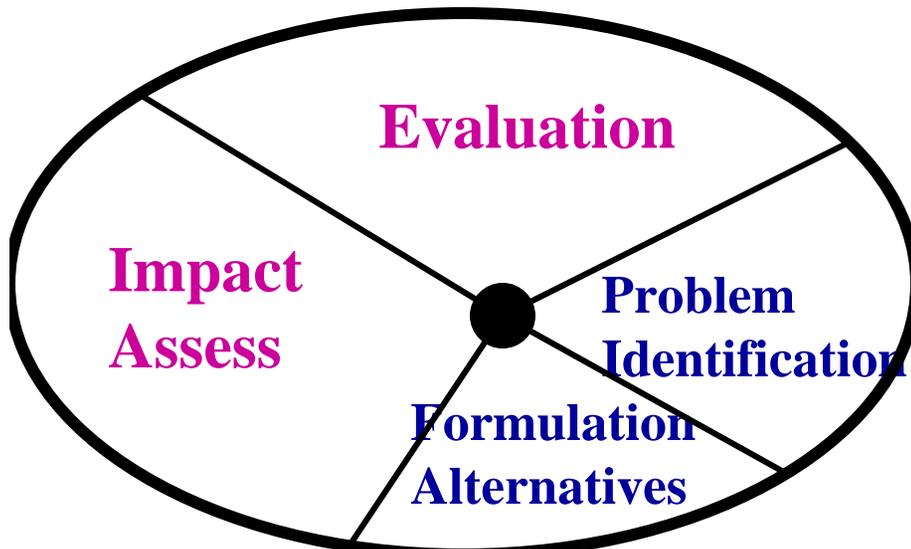


Phase 1
Develop Plan of Study

Phase II
Develop Intermediate Plans



Formulation of Alternatives



Phase III
Develop Detailed Plans

Some Lessons



- **MANY MODELS:** Depends on conditions
- **CRITICAL ROLE OF PRECIPITATING EVENTS - RECURRENT CONDITIONS** (Floods, Droughts, etc.)

•EVOLUTIONARY

Begins as secure forum for dialog and grows

Org's change: purposes/uses added as values change

•INCENTIVES

Intervenors with Resources/power
Facilitators of dialog

Incentives vs. threat or force

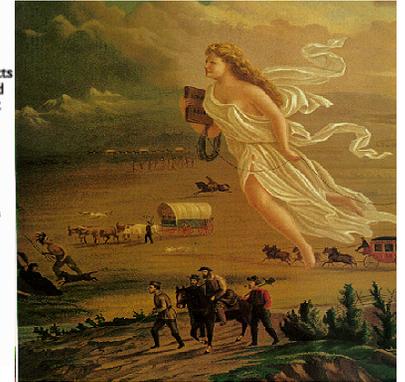
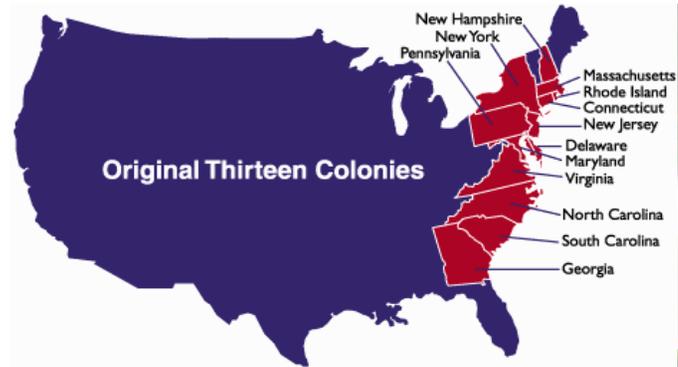
•SUPPORT

Bottoms up: regional, sui-generis
Real participation of SH's

Some lessons (con.)

- **FUNDING**
 - Stability (esp.. early)
 - Some independence
- **RIGHTS**
 - Stability in access rights
- **STAFF**
 - Evolution of trusted technical support
- **DATA**
 - Develop, accept, share: information, data bases

The 19th Century Water Infrastructure and Social Transformation



“Great natural waterways go far to explain the rapid pace of economic development and economic power in North America. .(Lafayette in post Rev. War visits to the US)

“....by increasing the volume of goods and entering trade and commerce, the transportation system would instantaneously increase national wealth.....would untie people in every part of the nation.... (Gallatin report of 1808)

Economic Historians on Erie Canal

“...provided the spark, the flashpoint and the inspiration for a burst of progress in America that would eventually coin the buzzword of the early twenty-first century: economic growth, urbanization, national unity, globalization, networking and technological innovation...”

“...canal provided a fantastic wealth – creation machine for the powerful forces of economic change at work in the U.S., motivated by the ...passion of Americans for money and impatience to get ahead.....

...”opening of the Erie canal was the dividing point between the periods of the “frontier without the factory” and the “frontier with the factory.”