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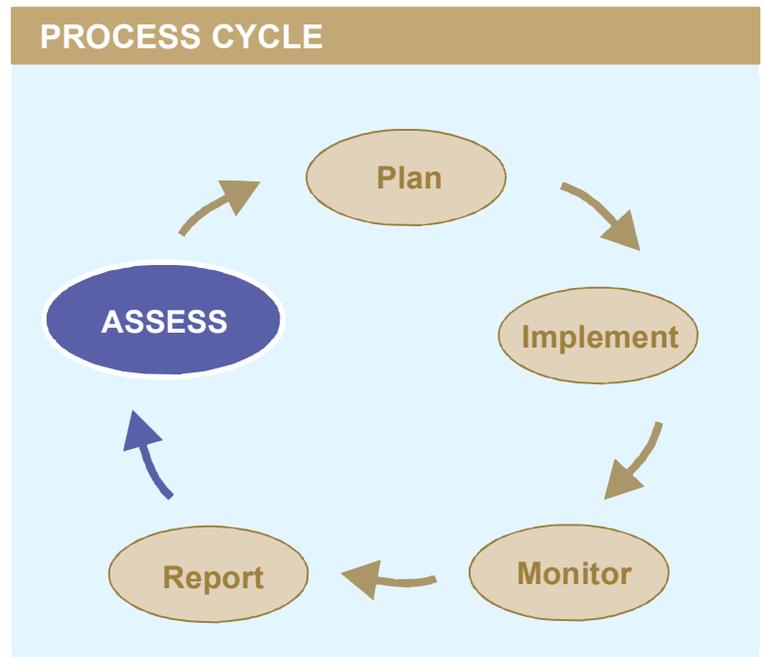
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT IMPROVEMENT ACT

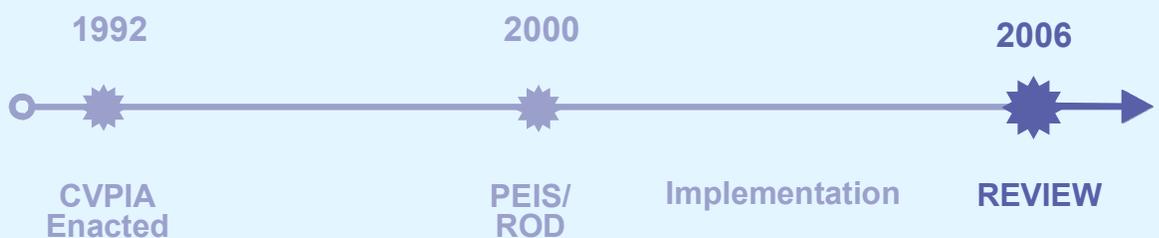
PURPOSE AND PROCESS

The Federal Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) are reviewing the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) program and the program activities specified in the Act. The review will clarify and improve performance in achieving the purposes of the CVPIA. Reclamation and the Service are

assessing overall program effectiveness, from how well the program is designed, to how well it is implemented and what results it has and will achieve. This review will help identify program strengths and weaknesses, and will assist in funding and management decisions to further improve CVPIA program effectiveness. All factors that may affect and reflect program performance will be assessed, including program purpose and design, performance measurement, evaluations, strategic planning, program management, and program results. This effort will further the agencies' goal of completing actions mandated by the Act to accomplish the program purposes.



TIMELINE



Reclamation and the Service are conducting two parallel CVPIA Performance Reviews, described below.

1 CVPIA PART Review

At the request of the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Reclamation is completing the Program Assessment and Rating Tool (PART) for the CVPIA program. The PART review is designed to ensure that Federal programs are focused, efficient, and not duplicative of other Federal, State, or local efforts. In cooperation with the Service, Reclamation is reviewing overall program performance, including the following major elements:

- Clarify program purposes
- Describe three to seven measurable performance goals
- Evaluate program management strategies and approaches
- Report results achieved
- Identify program improvements

Participation

The CVPIA Program Coordinators are leading the PART review in close coordination with the following agency staff:

- Reclamation and Service staff and management
- Department of the Interior management
- OMB staff and management

Timeline

- Draft program review to OMB April 14, 2006
- Final program review completed with OMB September 15, 2006
- Review results published with President's 2008 budget February in 2007

2 CVPIA Program Activity Review

In parallel with the PART Review, Reclamation and the Service (the agencies) are conducting a more detailed review of the 38 program activities specified in Sections 3406 and 3408 of the CVPIA, which are eligible for funding from the Restoration Fund established by the Act. There are four major review elements:

- Assess the status of each program activity
- Confirm and refine performance goals for each program activity
- Clarify the agencies' interpretation and application of Section 3407 regarding program completion
- Establish ongoing program activity performance review procedures

Participation

The agencies have identified several mechanisms for interested parties to participate and stay informed:

Restoration Fund Roundtable

Approximately every other month, the agencies will report to the Roundtable, a forum established in 1994 for the agencies to discuss the CVPIA program and priorities with stakeholders and interested parties.

CVPIA Program Activity Review Working Group

The agencies established the Working Group as a forum for more detailed discussions of program assessment and performance measures with tribes, agencies, and stakeholders. This group will meet weekly.

Briefings and Public Outreach

The agencies will provide briefings and progress reports for interested parties and the public.

Specific Program Activity Outreach

Most CVPIA program activities have established mechanisms with interested parties to review and discuss program implementation. The agencies will continue these forums as needed.

Timeline

The agencies are working to complete the initial CVPIA Program Activity Review by July 2006. At that time, the agencies will prepare a report describing the status of program activities, performance goals, next steps, and future review processes.

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