

# Making the most of the “moment”

- What is “The Moment”
  - \$162M FWS Klamath Restoration
  - Billions at BOR nationwide
  - Billions at USDA nationwide
  - Hundreds of Millions at NFMS, DOT, DOI, FEMA nationwide
    - Does not include annual appropriations and Inflation Reduction Act programs
  - You get to write the next chapter for the Klamath Basin?
    - Major investments in tribal and farming communities, investments in fish, waterfowl, water quality
  - Realize that we do not have to compete against each other in the Basin for these dollars – but we do have to compete with other parts of the country!
  - And other places around the country are working together -- on implementing projects and obtaining funding

## **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

- Congressional Act: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Act
- Official Plan: GLRI Action Plan
- Governance Body: GLRI Regional Working group - coordinates to select the best combination of programs, projects, and activities to achieve GLRI goals.
- Advisory Body - Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB)

## **Delaware River Basin Restoration Program**

- Congressional Act: Delaware River Basin Conservation Act
- Official Plan: Delaware River Basin Restoration Program Framework
- Governance Body: Delaware River Watershed Conservation Collaborative, a voluntary partnership that will set funding priorities to ensure investments reflect shared goals and contribute to landscape-scale conservation gains.

## **Chesapeake Bay Restoration Program**

- Chesapeake Bay Agreements and Exec Orders directing fed agencies
- Plan: Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Plan and Watershed Implementation Plans
- Governance Body: Regional partnership including feds, six states, a tri-state commission, and participating advisory groups.

## **Klamath Restoration “Program” – Informal coordination**

- No formal “Act” of Congress (e.g., like the Klamath Act of 1986)
- No Congressionally mandated plan – though many in the room volunteered time and effort to develop the IFRMP for fish habitat restoration projects.
- No Congressionally Mandated Body – but this group is making a huge effort on its own and you have so much history working together

# How do we make the most of “The Moment?”

- Better Coordination at Fed/State level
- Better Communications from Feds & States
- Consider having a group **Map out the Money – 4 years left!**
- Think about Stakeholder Teams to work on:
  - Ag modernization proposals
  - Fish/Waterfowl habitat proposals
  - Fire Restoration Proposals
  - Science proposals
  - Monitoring proposals
  - Culvert Proposals
- Consider developing a Packaged Deal – strength

