

Yakima River Basin Study and Integrated Water Resource Management Plan Next Steps

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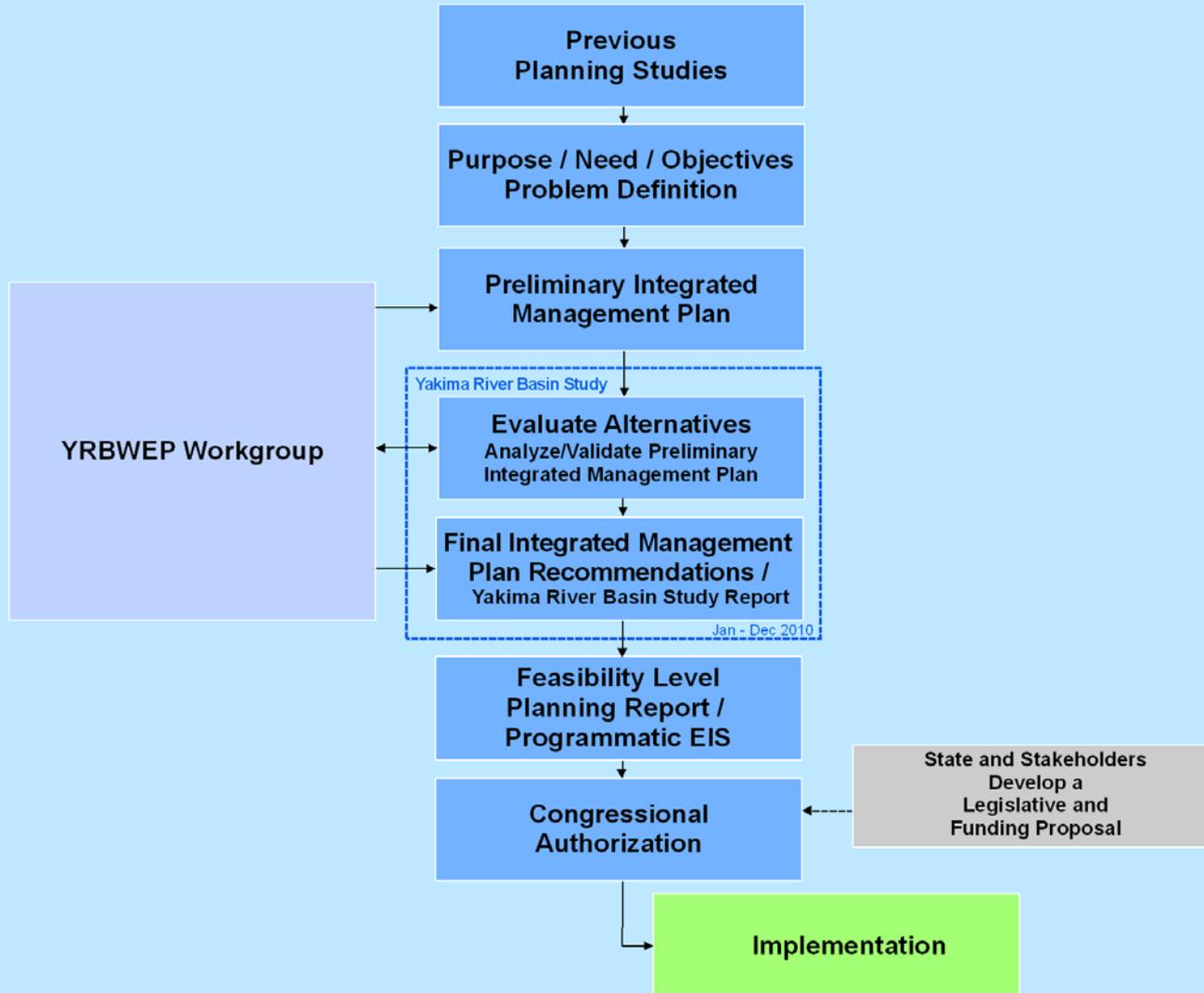
Finalize Reports and cont'd Workgroup Activities

- Prepare Final Integrated Plan and Basin Study Reports
- Workgroup Review and Comment on Reports
- Issue Final Reports

- Form Implementation Subcommittee
- Hold periodic Workgroup meetings (quarterly or more frequently if needed)
 - Progress updates
 - Information updates
 - Process decisions
- Optimize state and federal activities for preparing Final Planning Report/Programmatic EIS



YAKIMA BASIN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN



State SEPA Review Process (Concurrent with Reclamation Process)

- Prepare Draft Supplemental EIS
 - Review existing information
 - Identify and analyze new projects and/or programs
 - Identify and analyze other reasonable alternatives, as applicable
 - Evaluate potential mitigation/land conservation
- Prepare Final Supplemental EIS
- Approximate 12 month schedule



Feasibility–Level Planning Report and Programmatic EIS

- Prepare Feasibility-Level Planning Report
 - Further refine technical analysis and cost estimates, e.g.,
 - Further refine subordination, water marketing and aquifer recharge
 - Kachess – select tunnel or pump station as preferred approach
 - Others



Feasibility–Level Planning Report and Programmatic EIS (cont'd)

- Complete analysis per federal Principles and Guidelines
 - Conduct “four account” effects analysis
 - National Economic Development
 - Regional Economic Development
 - Environmental Quality
 - Other Social Effects
 - Cost allocation analysis
 - Repayment analysis
- Prepare Programmatic EIS
- All efforts performed and completed concurrently
(approximately 18 – 24 month schedule)



Feasibility–Level Planning Report and Programmatic EIS (Typical Elements)

- Location, Purpose and Authority
- Need for Action
- Plan Formulation (planning process overview)
- Alternatives
 - No action
 - Integrated Plan alternative
 - Other reasonable alternatives
 - Summary effects and mitigation plan
 - Adaptive management framework
- Four Account Analysis
- Findings and Conclusions



Next Steps

(Post Planning Report/NEPA/SEPA)

- State Reviews and Approval
 - Ecology and Governor's Office
 - State Legislature
- Federal Reviews and Approval
 - Reclamation
 - Department of Interior
 - OMB
 - Congress

