

DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK (2/10/04)

Overview: WAM plans to develop several scenarios that reflect different combinations of water supply and storage options that could potentially meet Program water supply requirements. It will evaluate potential river models to determine whether a tool exists that can be used or modified to test the scenarios. Several scenarios, under different hydrologic conditions, will be tested and the results evaluated. For any scenarios that appear worthwhile to pursue, there will be focused discussions with appropriate parties to identify areas of agreement and recommend Program actions.

Basic steps that need to be put into a draft Scope of Work:

1. Develop timeline (set deadline, develop benchmarks)
2. Meet with modelers and review relevant information to determine potential model capabilities. This is an important issue to resolve. Some WAM members are skeptical of whether a model exists or can be developed which has the capability to model the MRG in a manner that is needed for our work. Suggest that the group take some time (possibly as a subcommittee) to evaluate various models and make a recommendation.
3. Develop a means for required model parameters to be created (this will require a commitment from a participating agency or funding for an outside source).
4. Determine 2 or 3 potential scenarios to be tested in dry, average, wet and Article VII restriction years. Scenarios would use different combinations of potential storage and water supply options.
5. Run the scenarios and evaluate the results from a hydrologic perspective.
6. Focus on the most promising scenarios and identify issues to be resolved, including social, political, economic and legal.
7. Set up a series of focused sessions with appropriate parties on these issues, or suggest the appropriate parties participate in such a negotiation.
8. If there are areas of agreement, identify steps that must be taken to implement strategy.
9. Prepare report including issues not capable of resolution through this process.

The Utton Center will:

1. Be a neutral party committed to the process that can help the process stay focused and productive.
2. Work with the WAM to develop this Scope of Work.
3. Help organize the meetings of the group relative to this Scope of Work.
4. Work to help ensure that all parties are heard and encourage the participants to develop solutions.

5. Help the participants to try to stay on task, i.e. meet deadlines, provide information as necessary, etc.
6. Make outreach to other parties who would be helpful to the discussion of certain issues.
7. Provide meeting materials with assistance as appropriate from WAM members or others.
8. Prepare progress reports for WAM and others as needed.
9. With WAM, prepare a final report on the outcome, unresolved issues and recommended next steps.

Issues:

Determine deadline

Determine timeline

Regularly scheduled meetings?

How long will they last?

Will they be part of regular WAM meetings?

Should this be handled by a subcommittee?

Identify benchmarks where a report on status will be prepared

Meeting notes

Ground rules:

Consensus?

Who else is needed at table?

Confidentiality?

Needed agency commitments

Obtain PM, InSC, Exec. Committee, and elected official endorsement of plan

What is relationship of this effort to recently re-initiated negotiations.