

# Organizational Framework and Decision Making Processes

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# Topics Discussed to Date

- January 30, 2012
  - Overview of Water Quality Standards and Previous Efforts
  - Alternatives Available to Address Water Quality
- March 28, 2012
  - Overview of Water Quality Impaired Waterbodies
  - Review of Alternatives Available to Address Water Quality
  - Decision was to Proceed with TMDL
- May 30, 2012
  - Review of TMDL Process and Next Steps
  - Examine Possible Organizational Frameworks and Decision Making Process
  - Decision on Preferred Framework
- Today
  - Review of Preferred Stakeholder Structure
  - Examine Interests that may make up Coordination Committee
  - Example Management Measures in other TMDL I-Plans
  - Break into Workgroups

# Reason for Structure and Importance of Decisions

- To gain as much input and support from the local stakeholders as possible and allow them to make decisions that benefit everyone within the watershed
- Decision making process is critical to the development of the I-Plan
- Mechanisms used affect the efficiency of the process
- Number of decision makers can have a significant Influence
- Decision making process dictates what is included in the TMDL I-Plan



# Preferred Framework

Comments from Full Stakeholder Group



Coordination Committee



Workgroups

# Roles of Stakeholder Group, Coordination Committee, and Work Groups

- Full Stakeholder Group
  - Meet periodically to discuss progress and provide input and comments on coordination committee recommendations
- Coordination Committee
  - Balanced representation from various viewpoints and interest groups
  - Represents the overall interest of those groups
  - Responsible for developing and recommending implementation actions and strategies to be included in the I-Plan (when no work groups are utilized)
  - Responsible for involving public throughout development and implementation process
- Work Groups
  - Focus on work group-specific issues and draft recommendations for Coordination Committee and inclusion into I-Plan
  - Ex. Agricultural and Wildlife group focuses on solutions to agriculture, wildlife, and habitat related *E. coli* loading

# Workgroups

- Agricultural and Wildlife
- Wastewater
- Technical Advisory
- Education and Outreach



# Questions/Discussion

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# Coordination Committee Makeup

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# Coordination Committee Interest Representation?

- Landowners
- Wildlife
- Coastal Fisheries
- Recreation
- Wastewater
- Urban Stormwater
- On Site Septic Systems
- Drainage Districts
- Special Interest Organizations
- City and County Officials
- Any Others??

# Individuals that need to Serve on Coordination Committee

- Agree on the number of representatives on the Coordination Committee
- Identify individuals to represent each interest on Coordination Committee
  - The representatives are there to represent all of the interests for the specific group (not just themselves)

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