



Sacramento District Planning Assistance to States

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The Planning Assistance to States Program

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the Federal Government's largest water resources development and management agency. Two types of planning assistance are offered through the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) program, Comprehensive Plans and Technical Assistance. Any State, or group of States, Federally-recognized Tribes, and U.S. Territories may partner with the Corps under the PAS program.

The PAS program is authorized by Section 22 of WRDA 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §1962d-16), and is sometimes referred to as the "Section 22" program.

Comprehensive Water Resources Planning

Comprehensive Plans include planning for the development, utilization, and conservation of the water and related resources of drainage basins, watersheds, or ecosystems located within the boundaries of that State, including plans to comprehensively address water resources challenges such as the state water plan. Comprehensive plans can extend across state boundaries provided both States agree.

Typical water resources problems and opportunities included in comprehensive state water resource planning efforts include:

- flood risk management
- water supply
- water conservation
- environmental restoration
- water quality
- hydropower
- erosion
- navigation,
- fish and wildlife, cultural resources, and environmental resources

PAS studies cannot include detailed design for project construction, and implementation of the plan is the responsibility of the State, Tribe, or Territory.

No more than \$5M in Federal funds for PAS comprehensive planning efforts may be expended in a State per fiscal year.

Comprehensive planning activities through the PAS program are cost shared (50 percent) with the study partner, and voluntarily contributed funds in excess of cost share may be provided by the non-Federal partner. The non-Federal cost share for preparation of a state comprehensive water resources plan may be provided by funds or through the provision of services, materials, supplies, or other in-kind services.



Planning Assistance to States provides both comprehensive planning assistance and technical assistance to support the management of water resources.

Cost-share waivers are available for up to \$484,000 for U.S. Territories and Federally-recognized Tribes.

Technical Assistance Supporting Water Resources Management Plans

Technical Assistance provided through the PAS program includes support of planning efforts related to the management of water resources, including the provision and integration of hydrologic, economic, or environmental data and analysis in support of the State's water resources management and related land resources development plans identified in the state water plan or other water resources management related planning documents, such as hazard mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery plans and plans associated with changing hydrologic conditions, climate change, long-term sustainability, and resilience.

This technical assistance may not include the preparation of site-specific designs or construction. Technical assistance activities through the PAS program are cost shared (50 per cent) with the study partner, and voluntarily contributed funds in excess of cost share may be provided by the non-Federal partner. The cost-share for technical assistance must be provided by funds (not in-kind). Technical assistance activities through the PAS program are cost shared (50 per cent) with the study partner, and voluntarily contributed funds in excess of cost share may be provided by the non-Federal partner. The cost-share for technical assistance must be provided by funds (not in-kind).



Sacramento District Boundary

For More Information Contact Us at:

<https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Flood-Risk-Management-Program/#contacts>

Model agreements for PAS technical assistance and comprehensive planning are available on the Corps' Headquarters website:

http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Partnership-Agreements/templates_pas/