

Authorities Work Group
Co-chairs: Grady Bryant and Larry Prather
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Action Item	Team	Product	Goal Date to Complete	Status	Next Steps/Comments
Look at modifying Section 204(f) of WRDA 86 to address Section 408 modification to projects concerning navigation/harbor projects.	Grady and Larry	Propose language with review of work group.	September 2013	Completed	Language was provided to Committees under duress. The proposed language was not accepted. Both bills will essentially reset the Section 204(f) clock for the next WRDA. In fact, the House bill would require authorization of any assumption of maintenance. Work on this item has not been successful probably because House committee desires to reassert control over projects. Need to continue to work for a viable process.
New: Look at the approach to determining when the WRDA 902 limits (902 busts) for civil works projects are exceeded.	Grady and Larry		September 2014	To be initiated	See Below. Need to clarify what is required on this item.
New: Real estate issues related to disposal areas	Grady and Larry		May 2014	To be initiated	Authorities work group will review this complaint/request with policy representatives of Corps. Initial feedback is that Corps will oppose attempts to increase Federal cost/role in the area. Corps work group members may provide technical assistance on work group as has been case to date.

Note: Earlier this year, the authorities work group co-chairs reviewed last year's work group report and the AAPA Legislative Policy Committees actions/modifications on those recommendations. That review suggested the LPC recommendations continued to be relevant to immediate concerns and for WRDA. At the last work group teleconference, the AAPA representative, Mr. Walker, reported that some of the legislative proposals had been overcome by policy changes and other events. He promised to provide the Authorities Workgroup with the AAPA findings, a status report on remaining legislative items and an assessment/explanation of the level of success on prior workgroup proposals. This information will serve as basis for discussion, after action review and redirection of work group efforts. Upon receipt of the AAPA status report, the work group will conduct a review and restructure activities for the coming year or pause the effort pending WRDA outcomes.

Larry and Grady continue to make an almost daily contact with Ray Russo and the CW PD Work Group -- which will become the logical source of new items now that they have worked their way through the items sent to the LPC.

Proposed new business – continue looking to CW PD Work Group to help determine the way ahead for authorities changes to support a more effective delivery system.