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# Southwestern Division Major Mission Areas

Civil Works



Military Programs

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Interagency Service





## Civil Works Mission Areas

TULSA DISTRICT

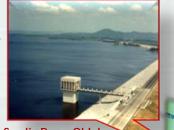
Little Rock District's MV Ted Cook positions the Crane Barge Mike Hendricks at Dam 2 during the flood of 2011

#### Navigation (Inland)

2 major waterways (GIWW and MKARNS)

#### Water Supply

•8.4 million acre-feet of water storage •Water control contracts = water for 39 million households



Sardis Dam, Oklahoma

Dallas Floodway

### **Hydroelectric Power**

•18 power plants in 6 states produce 6.7 billion kw hours •87% of regional capacity, second in the Corps

**Bull Shoals** Powerhouse, **Arkansas** 

#### Flood Damage Reduction

•74 flood damage

reduction lakes/reservoirs •33.22M acre-feet of flood storage •760 miles of local flood protection projects •\$85 B in cumulative flood damage prevention

#### Regulatory (work in waters & wetlands)

•Over 5000 permit decisions annually Protection of waters & wetlands

> Regulators examine soils on a wetland delineation field visit.



20 percent of the Corps' total recreation projects located within the regional boundary 83 million visitors at 90 operating projects located in five states

Moonshine Beach, Table Rock Lake, Mo.



**Houston Ship Channel** 

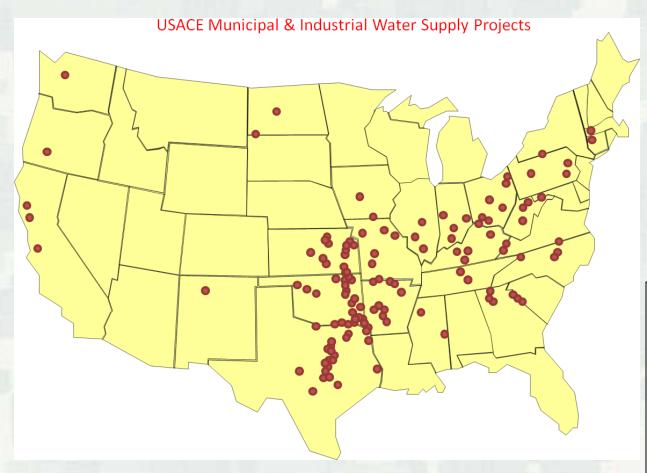
#### **Navigation (Ports and Channels)**

- •4 of the Nation's "Top Ten" ports
- •32 channels (15 deep draft, 17 shallow draft)
- •More than 500 M tons of commerce annually





## 2011 M&I Water Supply Database



### **Municipal & Industrial Water Supply**

134 Projects

335 Agreements

10.7 Million AF of

**Storage Space** 

96% under contract

**\$1.5 Billion Investment Cost** 



# Water Supply in the Southwestern Division

- The Corps is the single largest water supplier in the region:
  - ► SWD reservoir projects currently contain 8.4 million acre-feet of storage for municipal, industrial and agricultural use.
    - 36% of the potable water for Texas
    - 35% of the potable water for Oklahoma
    - 20% of the potable water for Kansas

"Water, not oil, is the lifeblood of Texas..." - James Michener in Texas: A Novel

# Interactions with State Water Agencies

### A Strategic Alliance

- Strong History of Regional Water Planning
- Founded on State Water Plan and Corps technical and planning assistance
- Guided by integrated water resources management principles
- Made vibrant through the grass roots support
- Recently engaged by ASA (CW)



# 2011 & 2012 Regional Water Planning Summit

- Initiated with states to re-energize collaborative efforts
- Messages and needs from the states:
  - Water supply needs to be a higher priority for Corps
  - Streamlining Corps funding processes
  - ► Involve the States in establishing the Corps future strategies for infrastructure investment
  - ► Streamline the Corps' 404 permitting process





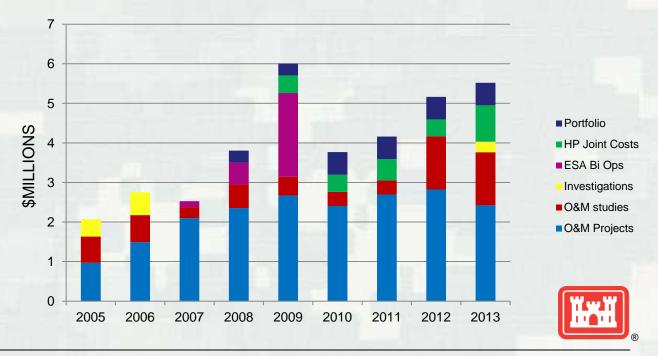




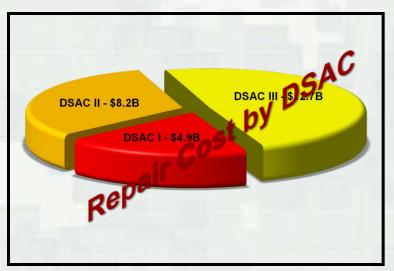


## Water Supply Challenges

- Limited Annual Funding Levels
- Aging Infrastructure
- Regulatory Challenges

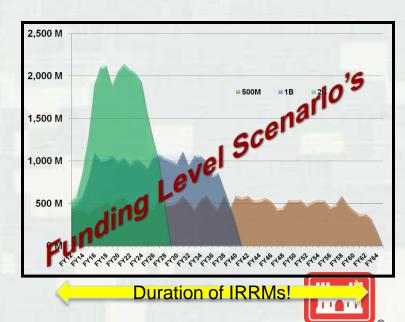


### **National Dam Safety Program Facts**





- ~ \$26 Billion Investment to Repair
  319 DSAC I, II & III Dams
- Funding Scenario's to Complete Investment:
  - •\$500M / year 55 years (current)
  - •\$1B / year 30 years
  - •\$2B / year 18 years
- Large Investments not Evenly Distributed within Agency



# Southwestern Division Dam Safety Workload...

## Number of Dams at Risk

	DSAC 1	DSAC 2	DSAC 3
Fort Worth	0	6	7
Little Rock	1	0	5
Tulsa	1	5	10
Galveston	2	0	0

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TOTA

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## Potential Impacts on Projects

- Short term impacts due to IRRM, i.e. pool restrictions
  - ▶ Hydropower
  - ▶ Water supply
  - Navigation
  - ▶ Flood Damage Reduction
  - ▶ Recreation
- Planning for reallocation to Municipal & Industrial water supply
- Sponsor incurs costs related to dam safety and related Rehabilitation of existing infrastructure





## Regulatory Program Challenges

Water Supply Projects

Information Needed for Permitting Regional Water Plan vs. Permit Requirements

Invasive Species
Transfer prevention measures





### Mitigation

- Effective / Long Lasting
- Adequate
- Available
- Affordable







## **Final Thoughts**

- We are continuing to look for opportunities to better align federal and state efforts in support of state water planning efforts
- Need for a water resources vision to drive national direction
- The future is ours to change!





# Questions?

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## Support for State Water Planning

- Regulatory Program coordination
  - ► Texas Environmental Resource Stewards (TERS)
  - Education Workshops (process flowchart)
  - Collaboration with TWDB on water plan
- Funding Strategies
  - ► Establishment of performance based budget criteria
  - ► Increased funding levels for assessments of existing projects to ensure we're best serving present needs
  - ► Focus on technical assistance
- Operational measures
  - Update and implement contracts and drought contingency plans
  - Perform critical OMRR&R to maintain conservation storage at our projects









