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**CSREES/ARS/NRCS CONSERVATION EFFECTS ASSESSMENT PROJECT
WATERSHED ASSESSMENT STUDIES WORKSHOP
USDA-CSREES NATIONAL WATER QUALITY CONFERENCE
SAN DIEGO MARRIOTT, LA JOLLA, CA**

PURPOSE AND AGENDA

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Chair: Mary Ann Rozum, USDA-CSREES

Purpose: The primary intention of this session is to allow Project Directors and associated personnel to learn from each other regarding approaches to watershed assessment and data analysis for CEAP and to facilitate coordination and communication among projects. To achieve this, the workshop will begin with providing overviews of the 24 currently funded USDA- CEAP (Conservation Effects Assessment Project) watershed assessment studies, which will evaluate and quantify the effectiveness of the USDA conservation programs. The current status and plans for the 4 CSREES competitive grants watersheds, the 12 ARS benchmark watersheds, and the 8 NRCS special emphasis watersheds will be highlighted, and there will be discussions to build communication and coordination among the watershed projects. Detailed afternoon discussions will focus on watershed approaches for determining environmental effects, data management, modeling methods, economic analysis, and plans for outreach or communication of results.

Agenda:

8:00- 8:05 AM	Opening Remarks	Mary Ann Rozum, CSREES, Moderator, Welcome and Workshop Logistics
8:15- 8:45	Overview of Purpose of CEAP Watershed Assessment Studies and Stakeholder Evaluation from Blue Ribbon Panel	Tom Drewes, NRCS
8:45- 9:15	Overview of 4 CSREES Competitive Grants Watersheds	Project Directors in Attendance
9:15- 9:45	Overview of ARS Watershed Assessment Studies for Agricultural Croplands	Clarence Richardson, ARS
9:45- 10:15	Overview of 8 NRCS Special Emphasis Watersheds	Tom Drewes, NRCS, and Project Directors in Attendance
10:00- 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15- 10:35 AM	ARS Plans for Determining Environmental Effects	Michael (Mike) Burkart, ARS
10:35- 11:00 AM	Discussion: Approaches to Determining Environmental Effects	



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11:00- 11:20 AM	ARS Plans for Data Management Jean Steiner, ARS
11:20- 11:50 AM	Discussion: Data Management Plans
11:50- 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00- 1:20 PM	ARS Plans for Model Validation, Evaluation and Uncertainty Analysis Ron Bingner, ARS
1:20- 1:50 PM	Discussion: Modeling, Evaluation, and Uncertainty Analysis
1:50- 2:10 PM	ARS Plans for Economic Analysis Gerald Whittaker, ARS
2:10- 2:40 PM	Discussion: Plans for Economic and/or Social Analyses
2:40- 2:55 PM	BREAK
2:55- 3:25 PM	Information Exchange and Discussion on Outreach/extension and/or Communication Plans 4 CSREES Project Personnel, Clarence Richardson (ARS), NRCS watersheds
3:25- 4:50 PM	Open Discussion Key Questions: 1. What will studies contribute toward CEAP needs or deliverables? 2. What are the opportunities for building communication and coordination among the watershed projects? 3. Future meetings, etc.?
4:50-5:00 PM	Closing Remarks Mary Ann Rozum, CSREES