

22C - SOCIAL STUDIES

This effort will include two general themes. One is the identification of socio-economic profile descriptive data. The other is a social impact analysis for alternatives to be considered.

Socio-Economic Profile

Detailed descriptive data tables will be developed as a part of the study. Data will include analyses of factors such as: income distribution; population (age, gender, ethnicity/minorities, employment, income); the significance of such impacts (i.e. relative to the larger region and whether any one group is particularly impacted); fiscal effects on state and/or local governments; and the potential for community disruption, effects on quality of life, and public attitudes. Much of this effort will rely on 2000 U.S. Census data in conjunction with Geographic Information System applications. It may also include interviews/surveys, analysis of public involvement input, and a literature search.

Social Impact Analysis

This will help in identifying and displaying effects of alternatives that are not reflected in the results of economic and environmental analyses. Much of this work will be to assess the social impacts associated with local and regional economic impact analysis.

Obtain Input from Study Elements - Required input from other study elements will be the identification of estimated land acquisition data for alternatives to be evaluated, such as boundaries, cost, ownership information, etc. To the extent that social impact studies will include the social aspects of other benefit and/or cost effects, required input will be the national (NED) and regional (RED) estimates of those benefits and costs.

Identify Potential Impacts - The work will be to estimate the social impact dimensions of alternatives to be evaluated, especially for alternatives that involve land acquisition (i.e. displacement of people, businesses, and firms), although the social impacts of other benefit and cost effects may also be addressed.

Environmental Justice

Executive Order 12898, *Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations*, requires the Federal government to achieve environmental justice by identifying and addressing disproportionately high and adverse effects of its activities on low-income, and minority communities including

Indian tribes. Public participation conducted through the Public Outreach Plan during *NEPA* scoping and screening shall include these populations so that their concerns are considered early. The *NEPA* process is completed during the Feasibility Study.

The environmental justice plan provides a subject overview and a work breakdown structure for the environmental justice activities to be performed as part of this Project Management Plan. The project delivery team will utilize the step by step process described in the referenced plan.

The Lagoon restoration shall address environmental and economic justice. The restoration will follow the evolving body of knowledge recognized in nation wide literature and will be adjusted periodically as appropriate, to ensure that accepted environmental justice practices are followed.