

RECOVER EVALUATION TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

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The RECOVER Evaluation Team assists the CERP Project Teams in maximizing the contribution of each project to the system-wide performance of the CERP by applying the best available science and predictive tools and contributing to the development of robust project alternative plans that exemplify adaptive management. The Evaluation Team develops and refines regional evaluation performance measures, reviews project-level goals, objectives, and performance measures from a system-wide perspective, evaluates alternative project plans and system-wide planning activities, and supports the development and refinement of needed predictive models and tools.

Guiding and Operating Principles

In conducting its mission, the Evaluation Team strives to maintain an appropriate balance between the best available science, fair process and product delivery thereby following RECOVER's "Values Triangle".

The Evaluation Team does the following:

- Coordinates with the project teams at appropriate steps in the project planning process such that the Evaluation Team's input is considered constructive and proactive rather than reactionary
- Advocates the principles of adaptive management in its communication with project teams and all other work efforts
- Adjusts its level of activity with project teams according to the scale and scope of the individual project
- Coordinates closely with other RECOVER teams in a cooperative fashion to the benefit of best achieving the overall goals of RECOVER, including adaptive management