

# Federal Flood Risk Management Standard

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## Agenda

- Overview of Project
- Team Structure
- Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
- Opportunities for Agency Engagement



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## Overview

**Preparing for Future Floods.** To ensure that projects funded with taxpayer dollars last as long as intended, federal agencies will update their flood-risk reduction standards for federally funded projects to reflect a consistent approach that accounts for sea-level rise and other factors affecting flood risks. This effort will incorporate the most recent science on expected rates of sea-level rise (which vary by region).

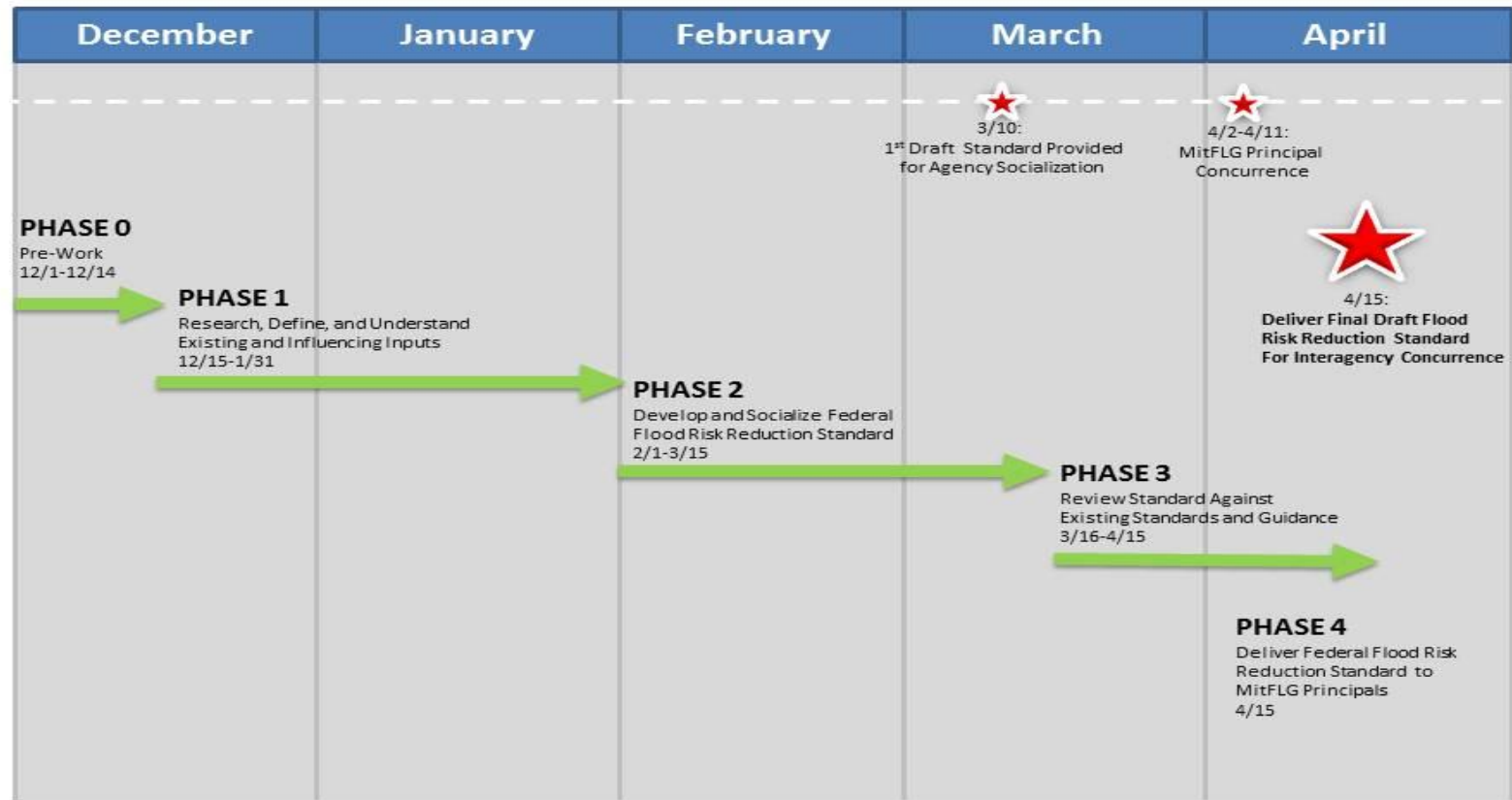
– *The President’s Climate Action Plan*, June 2013



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## Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Development - Timeline



 Milestones



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## Team Structure

### Science

- Review the existing science related to impacts of climate change and issue science opinions for policy consideration
- Other science opinions as needed

### Policy

- Define Major Federal Investment (Trigger)
- Develop the Standards, Guidelines and Recommendations

### Stakeholder Engagement

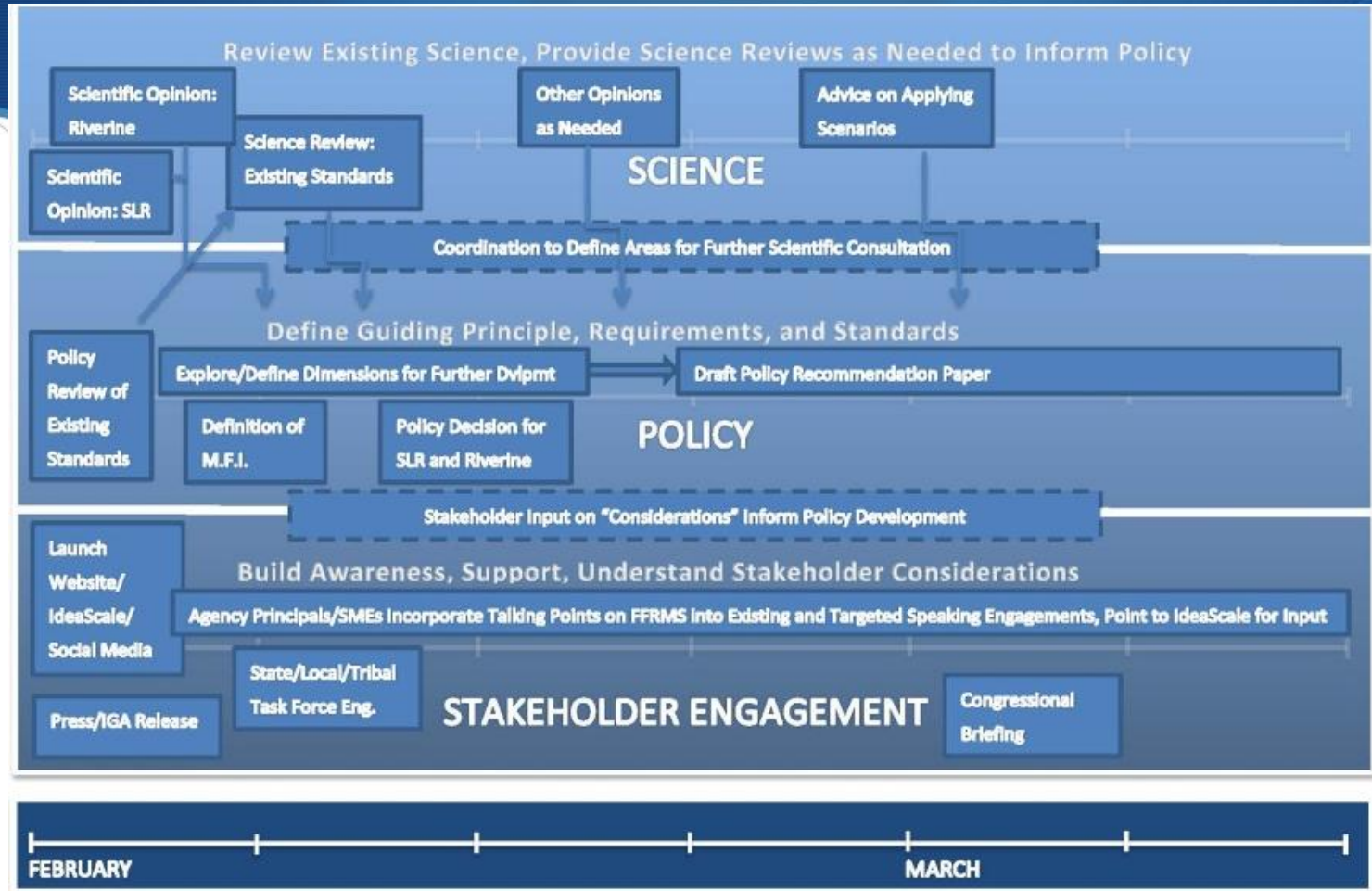
- Build awareness and support of effort
- Understand key Stakeholders issues and concerns



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## Stakeholder Engagement Approach

- Establish Engagement Objectives
- Conduct Analysis of Key Stakeholders
- Develop Communications Plan



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## Stakeholder Engagement Objectives

- Build awareness of effort and understanding of implications for federal programs (internal, external)
- Understand key concerns that should be considered while policy is developed (external)
- Gain support and build coalitions



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## Analysis of Key Stakeholders

- Federal Agencies: Owners/Op. of Facilities, Infrastructure, Grants
- State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments: Infrastructure/Grantees, Coastal
- Infrastructure Stakeholders (Public and Private)
- Design Professionals/Code Enforcement Community
- Other Professional Organizations: Natural Hazards, Water/Coastal/Wetlands Resources, Planning, Emergency Management, Grant Officials



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## Analysis of Key Stakeholders (cont.)

- Non-Profits/Advocacy Groups: Resilience and Climate Change Advocates, Environmental Organizations, Fiscal Advocates, Safety Advocates, US Chamber of Commerce, Development Community, Home Builders, Bankers, Realtors
- Academic Community: Grantees (SeaGrant, COEs, other), Natural Hazards/Risk Management Programs/Institutes



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## Overview of Communications Plan

- Information push (awareness building) through website launch, press releases and IGA bulletins, webinars, social media (Twitter) feeds using Agency handles and #ActOnClimate hashtag
- Leverage existing speaking engagements by Agency principals, senior leadership and key SMEs; targeted engagement with key stakeholders (awareness, coalition building)
- Collect external stakeholder input (understand key concerns/issues) through webinar comments, feedback during speaking engagements and through *IdeaScale* tool. Comments will feed policy development.



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## Discussion

- Are there other external partners not mentioned that we should be gathering (limited) input from at this stage?
- Are there agencies not currently involved that should and can participate in the policy development?
- How can we continue to keep SDR informed on the progress of this effort?



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