

Region 6 Coordination on  
Reviewing NPS-only Watershed  
Plans as Category 5-Alternatives

# Coordination is hard...

- Who should be included?
  - NPS, State Programs, & TMDLs
- How often do we meet?
  - Once a month
- What is the process?
  - Crosswalk/comparison of guidances



...but well worth it!

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State submits a restoration plan for NPS-only impaired waters, for Category 5-alt consideration

YES

Is the plan a WBP/WPP?

NO

- Send to the NPS State Program Manager (PM) for 9-Element review
- Notify NPS State Project Officer (PO)
- Does the plan meet 9-Element requirements?

YES

- Acceptance letter sent to State
- Notify NPS PM & PO and 303(d) & TMDL Coordinators

YES

- Send to the State 303(d) and TMDL Coordinator for 5-alt 8-Consideration/Approach review
- Notify NPS State PM & PO and the 106/604(b) PO
- Does the plan meet 5-alt considerations?

NO

- Comment letter sent to State
- Notify NPS PM & PO and 303(d) & TMDL Coordinators

NO

# 5-Alt Coordination: Goals and Expectations

- Open lines of communication
  - R6 NPS section holds monthly meeting including:
    - TMDL & 303(d) Coordinators
    - State Project Officers
- Each restoration plan is a case-by-case scenario
  - Discuss potential complex scenarios
  - Plans initially do not appear to be a WBP/WPP
    - CC'd to NPS Program Managers for quick read-through
- Discussion of reducing redundancy is on-going

