

## 1. Who specifically should be invited to participate in the watershed-wide partnership?

### ➤ Initially:

- EPA
- USACE
- USFWS
- USGS
- 7 State Water Resource Agencies
  - Water using industries (including transportation)
  - 7 state government reps (including local government reps)
  - TVA power distributors
  - Municipalities that use water from the river
  - Public land partners (NPS, Forest Service)
  - regional and state NGOs
  - recreation groups
- TVA
  - Out of Valley Reps (guests, if not participants) – Congressional Liaison
  - Private sector?
  - Economic Development Representatives
  - Conservation/Environmental Group Reps.
  - Tourism Reps

## 2. What role should TVA play?

- Facilitate
- Organize
- Promote
- Start with a goal
- Lead, develop model
- Leadership role in developing policy ahead of national policy, not dictating-more advisory role
- Educate, explain problem
- Use HR 135 as framework
- Build on TVA position of integrated river management
- Scope-TVA Region? Watershed? Outside Watershed?
- TVA to serve as an example or model (i.e. Duck River)
- Include groundwater/aquifers
- Assure good science yields good policy
- Manage process to be reasonable

**3. What would be the successful end-state for such a watershed region partnership and specifically what are the deliverables that could result in the desired end-state (vision)?**

- **Short-term/First Group:**
- Long-range accomplishments:
- Open statement by governors of state water management policy
- **Agreement on demand forecast process (3 year process?) as platform for decision-making**
- Long-term durability and viability (through political changes)
- Progress at political level with fruits of work at lower level
- Develop a policy of process (requests for new water) state agreements
- Interstate compact
- Avoidance of “water war” process
- Complementary regulations between states & TVA
- **Seamless Information & Data-sharing**
- Who can use the water and how - specifics
- Limits on the amounts to be removed based on TVA’s current considerations
- **Identify existing and future demands through technology review & infrastructure review (present & future)**
- **Identify tradeoffs and cost/benefits**
- Comprehensive strategy for the states (recommendation)
- **Uniform water conservation program (include new technology advancements)**
- Regional “water grid?” Address limitations on downstream users? Reasonable process that crosses political boundaries and watersheds?
- **“Don’t reinvent the wheel” look to Western approach**
- All stakeholders at the table and no court involvement
- Process for water allocation
- **Consensus on demand forecasts (numbers)**
- HR 135 (Section 2.1, 2, 3)
- Facilitate means for developing consensus on these issues by using HR 135
- Develop model to be used nation-wide
- **Ensure good science, consistency**
- **Define issues, gaps, opportunities, & achievable goals**

**4. What are specific examples of objectives and strategies that might be used as input for a partnership?**

➤ Objectives:

- Short-term:
- Long-term:
- Have TVA review & respond to RRSC recommendations by next RRSC meeting (September)
- Have 'game plan' by September
- Start at the 'working level,' not the political level or involve political reps
- Involve technical experts
- Develop preliminary cooperative process with governors
- Maintain sustainable use of our water
- Increase water supply (ability to use water) in the TN River Watershed as stated in HR 135? Or, better manage available supply

➤ Strategies:

- Utilize & build upon positive opportunities (i.e. HR 135)
- Conference to discuss background & need for watershed-wide partnership, develop a vision
- Working sub-groups to address specific topics & issues
- Public meeting with larger group of stakeholders
- Follow up reporting to all stakeholders
- Promote concept of managing water to benefit the economy
- Consider nexus to land use planning and growth management in water resources planning & management
- Look to other successful state compacts (i.e. forest fire management) as a framework
- Provide local support for groups/issues that may extend outside the Valley (i.e. Upper TN Watershed Roundtable)
- Informal start with data gathering & review, then broaden stakeholder base, and influence policy

**5. What time frame is reasonable for a partnership to be established and results obtained?**

- I. September 2003-Proposal to move forward (TVA's response to the RRSC Recommendations on how to proceed)
- II. In 2004-TVA facilitate/initiate discussion with identified stakeholders with goal to set objectives

**6. How would such a partnership and its activities be funded?**

- TVA for initial meeting(s)

- Long-term effort/On-going costs by stakeholders/users
- TVA should not fund the whole process, instead TVA should share cost with other stakeholders, “pay to participate” and increase stakeholder support/buy in
- Federal Funding or Federal Grant to a Basin Partnership
- Identify new revenue stream/source for TVA to support initial startup activities