

## Regional Resource Stewardship Council Discussion Questions

1. What is the appropriate level of funding for natural resource management?
  - TVA needs to tie funding to available funds.
  - Honor, Service, Responsibility – Congress has assigned responsibility to serve as steward
  - If they serve as the best steward as they can to these resources on behalf of American people, it gains them honor. People would have faith and speak highly of TVA
  - Focus first and foremost on those things that the US Govt has entrusted to TVA. Do those things as well as we possibly can.
  - Quantify the value of stewardship supports your request for budget. Quantify return on investments.
  - It is incumbent upon TVA due to the land and shoreline they own to manage at the highest level they can afford.
  - Demonstrate the amount of value that some programs can provide. Have a value statement based on environmental policy. Spend on what we value.
  - Look at all resources for existing and new revenue opportunities to support natural resource programs.
  - Look at the risks considered about funding or not funding.
  - Remember that this is a strategic level plan.
  - Clear vision of being the best and looking at the value of natural resources. Relate it to the total mission and areas that do not have an obvious economic value.
  - **Define the economic benefit to the Valley.**
  - Assess the health of the resources: where they are healthy, preserve them; where they are impaired, restore and preserve them.
2. Consider that you are a news reporter charged with writing a story on the Draft Natural Resource Plan.

What challenges or difficulties would you point out?

- Explain Program Step-Up
- Quantify Costs vs. Benefits
- Performance Measures
- Water Quality prioritization where TVA can impact (303d)
- Simplify/streamline NRP to improve clarity
- Discuss implementation approach
- Clearly defining the purpose of the plan
- Create a baseline
- Create broad based partnerships

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What benefits and values would you point out?

- Public and interagency transparency
- Promotes collaboration with partners (internally & externally)
- Opportunity to set a standard
- Opportunity to highlight scope and breadth of what has been done and what will be done
- Improved health of resources
- Risk Analysis – if NOT done
- Increase focus on public outreach and education
- Water Quality prioritization where TVA can impact (303d)
- Quantify Costs vs. Benefits