



# RRSC Guiding Principles: Summary

- ◆ The RRSC provided the following “guiding principles” for the NRP during its meeting in January:

Guiding Principle	How It Is Incorporated
Managing the river comes with the responsibility, along with the TVA mandated mission on Stewardship, to do a first class job of managing the water, shoreline, and natural resources	— The NRP, at a minimum, provides TVA with a plan to go beyond basic legal requirements and satisfy the goals of the proactive stewardship set forth in the Environmental Policy
Continue to invest. Biggest success is public-use benefit (visible) to garner public support and maximize benefits/return on investments	— A third-party natural resource economist was retained to evaluate the public benefit of each proposed program, and results were taken into consideration during NRP development
Cost of all programs borne by rate payers and must be balanced with TVA’s low-cost energy mission and economic development	— The NRP presents multiple implementation tools and strategies to meet the growing resource challenges associated with natural resources management (e.g., partnerships, volunteer program, etc.)
Where possible and appropriate, integrate and leverage cross-program benefits with each other into a “portfolio” (e.g., water quality reservoir improvement with Clean Marinas, aquatic biology, etc.)	— TVA has proposed an NRP program mix that takes into account the interconnectivity of each resource area and its supporting programs, helping to establish a foundation on which TVA may build more comprehensive stewardship practices in the future



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<p>Recognize that some activities (e.g., public outreach, data management, evaluation, boundary marking, etc.), are part of program implementation – not stand-alone programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Some programs presented in the draft NRP were mainly focused on implementation or data collection methods (e.g., LCA's, recreation surveys, foundation and trust fund)</li><li>— The final NRP will separate out “tools” versus “programs”, providing a clearer distinction for public understanding</li></ul>
<p>Create public awareness of TVA's non-power accomplishments and current activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— The NRP provides a history of TVA's past accomplishments across the four resource areas and promotes a number of public outreach programs</li></ul>
<p>Look at risks of doing/not doing stewardship activities (priority on protecting non-renewable resources, e.g., threatened and endangered species, archeological, and historical resources)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— At a minimum, the draft NRP assessed compliance with all laws, regulations, and policies. Moving forward, TVA is committed to addressing the risks of not meeting this level of support in the final NRP</li></ul>
<p>Be clear and concise on communicating the NRP with the public (clarify “custodial,” “flagship,” valuation process, TVA statutory requirements, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— TVA continues to promote the NRP throughout the Valley, providing opportunities for the public to ask questions and submit comments. In addition, TVA is committed to incorporating public feedback in the final NRP</li></ul>



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<p>Encourage and incorporate public input into the development of the NRP, allowing for sufficient time and opportunity to comment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Public input is being solicited through the public comment period, visits to a number of other agencies, and RRSC advice</li></ul>
<p>Explain the purpose and process of NRP and its limitations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— The introductory chapters of the draft NRP provide a detailed description of the purpose and overall planning process as well as highlight how the NRP will drive stewardship decisions in the future</li></ul>
<p>The NRP is a living document. Ensure review and revise as needed at appropriate intervals, not to exceed five years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— TVA is committing to update the NRP on a regular schedule similar to the IRP (every 5 years)</li></ul>