**Western Regional Partnership Strategic Priority for 2019-2021**

As approved at the 2019 WRP Principals’ Meeting

The 2019-2021 WRP Strategic Priority is “*Building Resilience in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.”*

**Background:**

Every year, WRP develops a Strategic Priority to focus its energies to advance efforts in the West. The 2018-2019 WRP Strategic Priority was “*Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*.” Identified outcomes from this strategic priority effort included improved understanding and awareness of planning efforts, as well as actions that may improve compatible planning in support of WRP Partners. Results of this effort are included in the 2019 WRP Report and were detailed at the November 2019 WRP Principals’ Meeting.

**Statement of Purpose:**

Over the past year, a common theme emerged: the necessity for “*Building* *Resilience in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.”* Leveraging of resources and interagency coordination are required to avoid duplication of effort, minimize agency/mission impacts, and encourage sharing of best practices.

In 2019-2021, WRP will explore the tools and resources needed to build resilience pertinent to the diverse missions of Federal, State and Tribal entities in the WRP Region.

Building Resilience Terminology

*The term “building resilience” is widely used, but has a variety of definitions. For purposes of this strategic priority, “building resilience” will focus on:*

* *The natural and built infrastructure systems needed by Federal, State and Tribal Entities to perform essential functions;*
* *Current or anticipated impacts on these natural and built infrastructure systems from natural processes or human activities; and*
* *Resources to maintain, improve or rapidly reestablish essential functions in the event of such impacts or to avoid, prepare for, minimize the effect of, adapt to or recover from such impacts on these infrastructure systems.*

Phase one of this activity is a brief survey (see attached) to better understand existing Federal, State, and Tribal priorities to “build resilience” and identify opportunities among WRP Partners to develop shared solutions to promote natural and built infrastructure resilience.

The results of the survey will be consolidated and further analyzed to identify areas of commonality for WRP focus for the year to support WRP Partners’ efforts.Potential areas of synergy might include further deep-dives into areas of energy assurance, disaster response, cybersecurity, wildland fire, water security, etc.

**Expected Outcome:**

*Note: The success of this effort depends on the availability of WRP Partner input and dedicated WRP resources. It is expected that WRP Steering Committee members will coordinate timely responses to the survey; responses to be provided NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2020 in order for WRP Committees and Working Groups to do their deep-dives and meet WRP timetables. WRP Steering Committee, WRP Committee Co-Chairs and Working Groups leads will work throughout the year to support this Strategic Priority.*

The 2019-2021 WRP Strategic Priority will seek to provide the following through webinars, monthly updates, maps and factsheets or report as appropriate:

* Catalog how Federal agencies, States, and Tribal entities currently define and address resilience.
* Identify common environmental or built infrastructure issues/stressors that threaten WRP Partner missions and require resilience efforts in the West.
* Identify specific tools and resources needed by WRP Partners to build resilience for their missions.
* Determine areas of commonality in which WRP Partners can leverage existing or develop new tools and resources needed to promote resilience in the west.
* Highlight best practices and approaches to leverage existing tools and resources that promote resilience.
* Produce a map or sets of maps that highlight areas where WRP Partner interests overlap, in order to promote sharing of tools, data, and resources to improve the collaboration and coordination needed to build resilience.

**Project Phases:**

The 2019-2021 WRP Strategic Priority will be attained through the following steps:

1. November 2019: Strategic Priority approved during 2019 WRP Principals’ Meeting.
2. By January 31, 2020: All entities complete and submit the survey (Attachment A). To the extent possible, federal agencies are asked to please coordinate across any management regions so that the entire WRP geography (AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV and UT) is included.
3. February – October 2020: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committees will review input provided, conduct follow-on analysis, synthesize data, develop draft recommendations, facilitate additional agency coordination, and establish mutually agreed-upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
4. January 2021: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committee Co-Chairs will review analysis at their June 18th meeting. SC members will apprise their WRP Principal on current progress.
5. April 2021: Final report with analysis and recommendations will be circulated in preparation for presentation and discussion at the 2020 WRP Principals’ Meeting.
6. May 2021: Presentation and discussion of findings at the May 2021 WRP Principals’ Meeting in Colorado.

**Guiding Principles:**

* The project will highlight WRP Partners’ missions, long-term goals and requirements, and common challenges among Partners, for building resilience.
* In recognition of the inherent, differentiated authority of federal, state and Tribal entities, this effort will encourage communication and cooperation among all Partners and avoid interference with any Partner’s distinct rights and responsibilities.
* The project will leverage, not duplicate, efforts.

**\*\* FORM FOR TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITY RESPONSE \*\***

Western Regional Partnership 2019-2021 WRP Strategic Priority:

Building Resilience in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.

*Please complete the following by January 31, 2020 and submit to* [*amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org*](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org) *All input will be consolidated and circulated among WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committee Co-Chairs for action.*

**Contact Information:**

1. **Name of (State, Federal or Tribal) Entity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Contact Information:** Individual Completing this Form/Point of Contact for Questions or Follow Up (Name, Title, Email and Phone Number): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Building Resilience for your Mission:**

*In questions 3-8, please include information on current efforts and/or those that are expected to be initiated by 2024, along with any relevant timelines. Please attach or share any public links, reports, or additional information that may be relevant to your entity’s efforts.*

1. **Please discuss how your entity defines resilience and summarize your top three focus areas related to “building resilience.” Please provide your entity’s definition of “building resilience.”** Please note the WRP definition of “Building Resilience” is on page 2.(*Purpose of this question is to identify how WRP Partners define the term “building resilience” and their current focus or priority areas)*

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1. **What threats, stressors or changing demands currently impact or are anticipated to impact your entity’s mission?** *(Looking for**information on current vulnerabilities)*

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1. **Have you completed or are you initiating any planning efforts or assessments to address these threats/stressors/changing demands?** *(Looking for any information you can share on current resilience planning or assessment efforts)*

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1. **What tools, data, or resources does your entity use to prevent, mitigate, or remove threats/stressors/changing demands?** *(Looking for information you can share about available tools, data, and resources to build resilience)*

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1. **What changes (policy/administrative or statutory) is your entity pursuing to build resilience?**

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1. **What are the top (please list at least 2-3) natural or built infrastructure projects/categories your entity is currently pursing to build resilience? Please include any relevant information (project website, factsheet, briefing, etc.)**

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**Tribal Engagement:**

1. **Please share examples of best practices/lessons learned, successful Tribal engagement, and Tribal consultation related to building resilience.**

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1. **Do you have any recommended areas of focus for the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group?**

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1. **Please provide a contact to be part of the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group (name, title, email and phone number).**

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*If you have any questions on this document, please contact:*

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