

# Collaboration

# Espectro de la participación pública

	Informar	Consultar	Involucrar	Colaborar	Empoderar
Meta de participación pública	Proporcionar al público información equilibrada y objetiva para ayudarles en la comprensión del problema, alternativas, oportunidades y / o soluciones.	Para obtener comentarios del público sobre las alternativas de análisis y / o decisiones	Trabajar directamente con el público durante todo el proceso para asegurar que las preocupaciones del público y las aspiraciones son siempre entendidas y consideradas.	Colaborar con el público en cada aspecto de la decisión, incluyendo el desarrollo de alternativas y la identificación de la solución preferida.	Dar la sociedad civil los herramientas necesario para tomar decisiones
Promesa a la ciudadanía	Le mantendremos informado	Le mantendremos informado escuchar a reconocer las preocupaciones y aspiraciones y proporcionar información sobre cómo la opinión pública influyó la decisión	Vamos a trabajar con usted para asegurar que las preocupaciones de la suya y aspiraciones se reflejan directamente en las alternativas de desarrollo y proporcionar información sobre cómo la opinión pública influyó en la decisión	Vamos a pedir a usted el asesoramiento y la innovación en soluciones de formular e incorporar sus consejos y recomendaciones en las decisiones en la	vamos a poner en práctica lo que se

# Collaboration Includes All Elements of Involve

- Collaboration means to work together
- The public is directly engaged in decision-making
- Collaboration often includes the explicit attempt to find consensus solutions
- The government is still the ultimate decision-maker

# Collaboration Requires Much Time & Resources

- How much decision authority the agency is willing to share must be made explicit
- The government will take all of the input received and make the decision
- Negative consequences if stakeholders reach consensus and this is not given serious consideration by the government

# Goal is Effective Partnering

- The **promise**: the public will be engaged in all key activities and decisions
- Public input will be incorporated to the maximum extent possible
- Consensus is not always sought at the collaborate level; the degree to which consensus will be sought should be an explicit part of the promise

# Consensus Building

- Cannot be done quickly
- Requires a consistent set of participants who work together over the duration of the process
- Consensus-building in low-trust situations will take even longer as participants must first develop the trust needed to work together constructively, which is a precursor to reaching agreement

# Consensus Building (continued)

- Requires that people meet face-to-face
- Some activities can occur remotely (internet-based video, voice, and document sharing)
- Initial relationship-building and key agreement seeking will require in-person meetings
- Many of the tools to inform and for generating and obtaining input can be used as components of a consensus building process

# Community Advisory Groups

- Made up of representatives of diverse community interests
- Provides a public forum for community members to present and discuss their needs and concerns related to government decision-making
- CAGs can assist in making better decisions. Offers a unique opportunity to hear-and seriously consider-community preferences



# CAGs (continued)

- CAGs can be formed at any point in the process. The earlier a CAG is formed, however, the more its members can participate in and impact site activities and decisions.
- CAGs should be in full operation within six months after the CAG information meeting in order to maximize their effectiveness in the decision-making process

# CAGs (continued)

- The government can assist the community in determining the appropriate size and composition of the CAG, soliciting nominees, and selecting CAG members
- The size of a CAG will depend on the needs of the affected community. The CAG should include enough members to adequately reflect the diversity of community interests
- Typically CAGs have 15-20 members.

# CAGs (continued)

- At least half of the CAG members should be members of the local community. CAG members should be drawn from among residents and owners of residential property near the site; others who may be directly affected by site releases; Native tribes and communities; minority and low-income groups; local environmental or public interest groups; local government units; local labor representatives; and local businesses.

# CAGs (continued)

- CAGs may be self-selecting
- An existing group in the community—such as a group with a history of involvement —could be selected as the CAG for that community if it represents the diverse interests of the community
- The local government could select, in a fair and open manner, members of the community to serve on the CAG

# CAGs (continued)

- Government could assist the community in organizing a panel to review nominations for membership. Government could review (not approve/disapprove) the panel's list of nominees and offer advice to ensure all community interests are represented
- Government could select a core group. Members of this core group then could select the remaining members

# CAGs (continued)

- CAG members should be expected to participate in CAG meetings, provide data and information to government on site issues, and share information with their fellow community members. They must be prepared to fairly and honestly represent not only their own personal views but also those of the community members they represent.



# CAGs (continued)

- CAG meetings should be open to the public
- Government may assist the CAG with administrative support on issues relevant to the decision-making process
- Neutral facilitation services may be needed
- Use someone from the community with facilitation experience or a professional meeting facilitator

# Empower

- Ultimate goal of Informing, Consulting, Involving & Collaborating is to “Empower” the community to determine their future, based on their vision
- Effective public participation will develop partnerships and build capacity to collaborate and problem solving in the future = true empowerment