Executive Order 13604 March 22, 2012

- Mandate to modernize Federal decision-making
 - Steering Committee chaired by OMB (with CEQ)
 - Included 12 pertinent Federal departments/agencies
- May 17, 2013 Presidential Memorandum
 - Reduce uncertainty
 - Cut review and permitting time by half
 - Better environmental and community outcomes



OMB Report (May 2014)

- Expand Innovative Mitigation To Provide
 - Landscape-level mitigation planning,
 - Consistent and transparent decisions
 - Advance mitigation and use of in-lieu fee program and *mitigation banks*
- Support Market-Based Mitigation Approaches, Such as In-Lieu Fee Programs and Mitigation Banks



Listed Species Mitigation

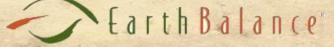
Report to DOI Secretary

- Landscape-scale
- Full Hierarchy
- Promote Certainty
- Advance mitigation planning
- Science and Tools

- Foster Resilience
- Durability

(2014)

- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Monitoring



USFWS Policy Development Underway

- Revision of 1981 Mitigation Policy (which excluded ESA mitigation)
- Updating Conservation Banking Guidance
- Updating Habitat Conservation Plan Handbook
- Updating Habitat Crediting Guidance
- Developing Guidance for Mitigation for Candidate Species



Conclusion

We are in a fertile policy environment where both the government regulators and regulated interests are looking for long-term and economic solutions.

