

# 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 (2014)

- **Landscape-scale**
- Full Hierarchy
- **Promote Certainty**
- **Advance mitigation planning**
- Science and Tools
- Foster Resilience
- **Durability**
- 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.

