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Colorado River Water Users
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IRA Briefing

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Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

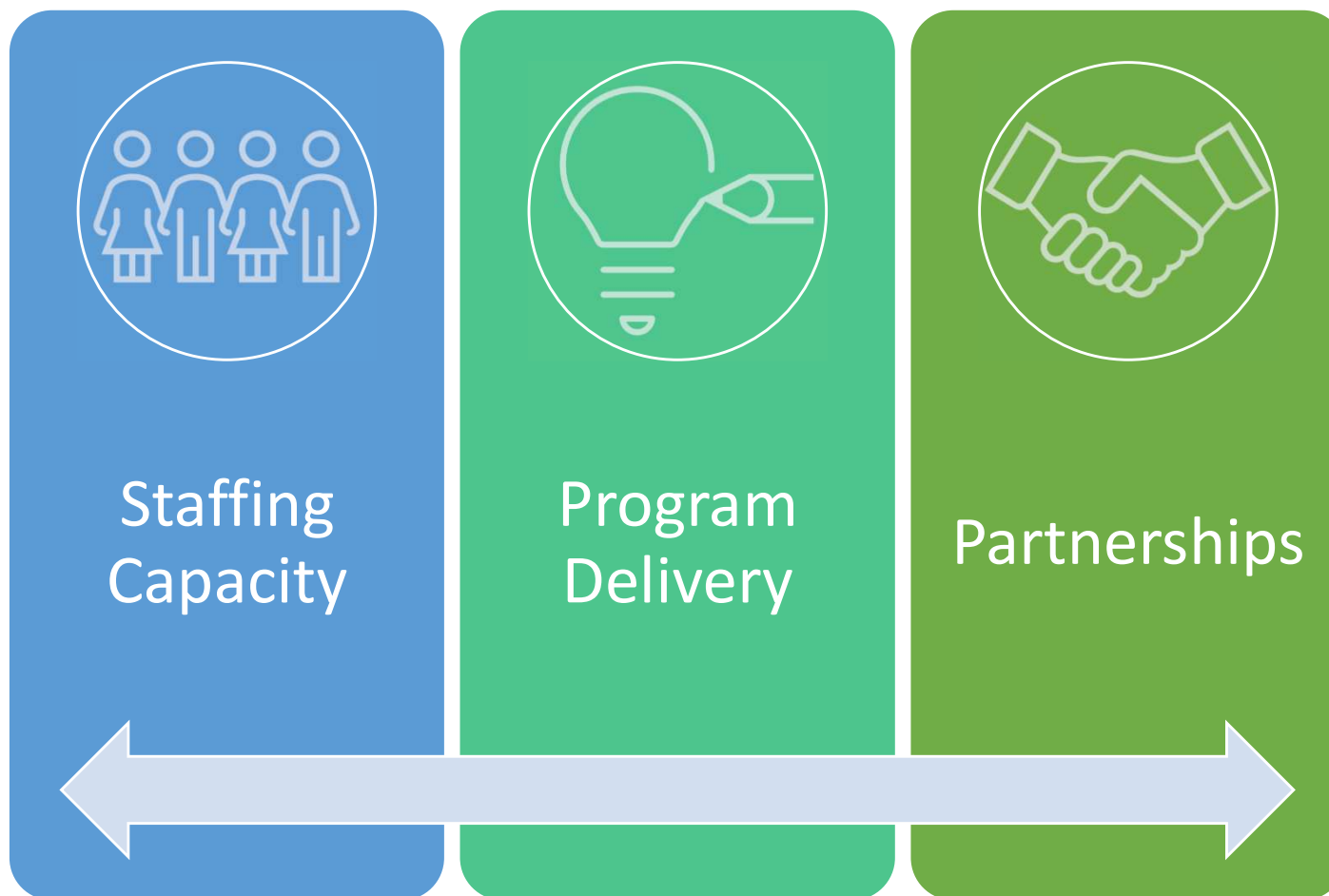
Brief Overview of NRCS Provisions

- Signed into law August 18, 2022
- Single largest investment in climate and clean energy solutions in American history
- Will help producers stay on the farm and increase access to conservation assistance.
- Promotes climate-smart agriculture and forestry
- Protects communities from climate impacts
- Provides approximately \$20 billion to support conservation programs that yield climate-related benefits

IRA Funding

	Fiscal Year (dollars in millions)					
Program	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Notes
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	-	250	1,750	3,000	3,450	
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	-	250	500	1,000	1,500	
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)	-	250	800	1,500	2,400	
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)	-	100	200	500	600	
Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA);	1,000					Available until September 30, 2031
Quantify Carbon Sequestration Program (\$300)	300					Available until September 30, 2031
Administrative Costs for this section	100					Remain available until September 30, 2028,

Major Focus Areas for Success



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Partnerships

- Traditional/New partners
- Expand HU/SD partnerships
- Expand Tribal Nations partnerships
- Policy changes to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

- Receives an additional 4.95 billion over 4 years, starting with \$250 million in FY2023.
- Will have both an RCPP Classic and RCPP Grant option under IRA. The first will be published in spring of 2023.
- The RCPP Grant Program size will increase to \$20 million.
- The RCPP Grant will also include an Easement option that will allow the easement to be acquired and held by a qualified individual.

Questions?

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