

# SEGMENT 1 - FEDERAL OUTLOOK: ADAPTING TO A SHIFTING NATIONAL LANDSCAPE



## 2025 SPRING SUMMIT

*New Reality: Adapting to Shifting  
Federal, State, and Regional Priorities*

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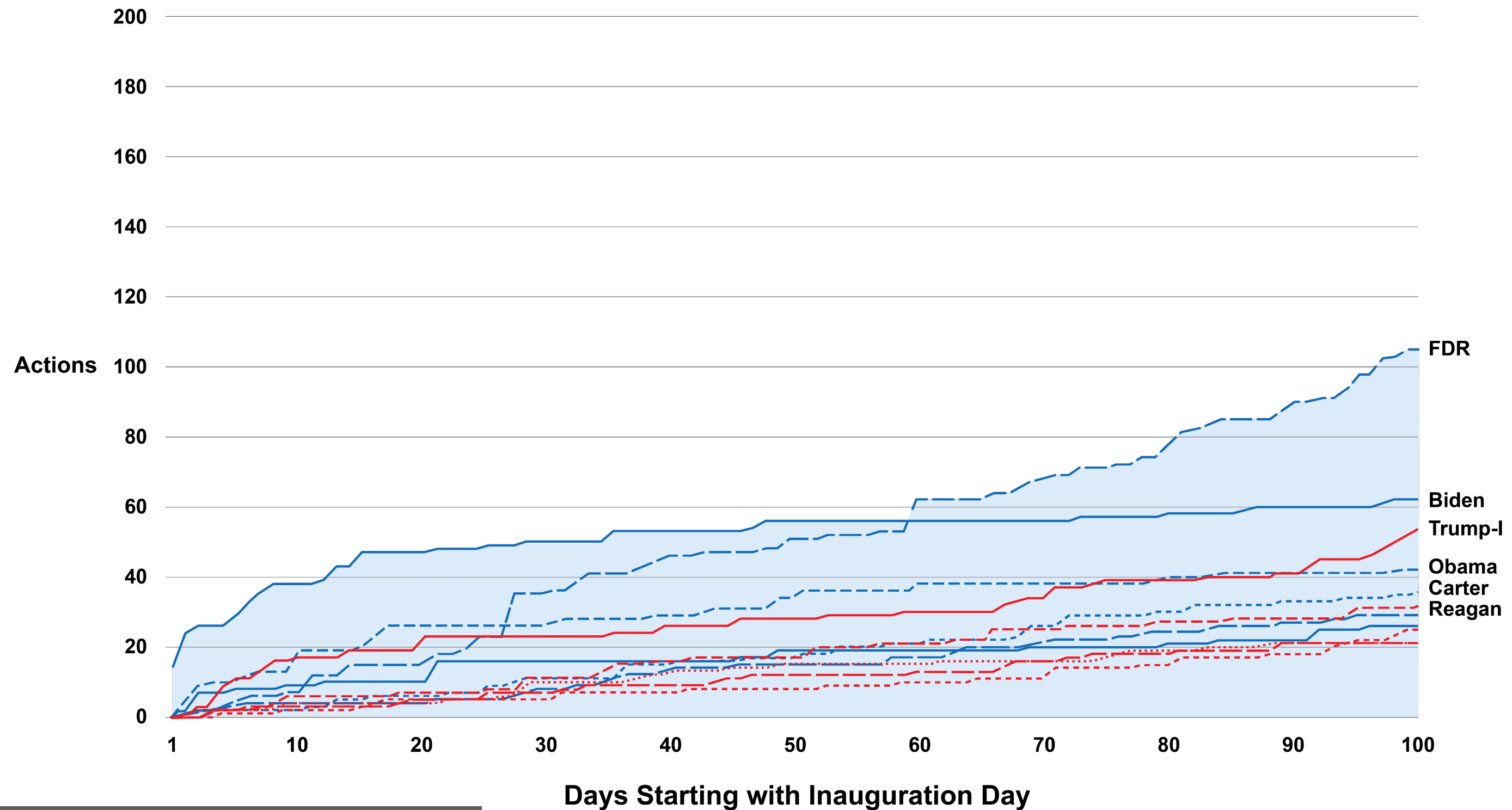


# Bay Planning Coalition – Trump's First 100 Days



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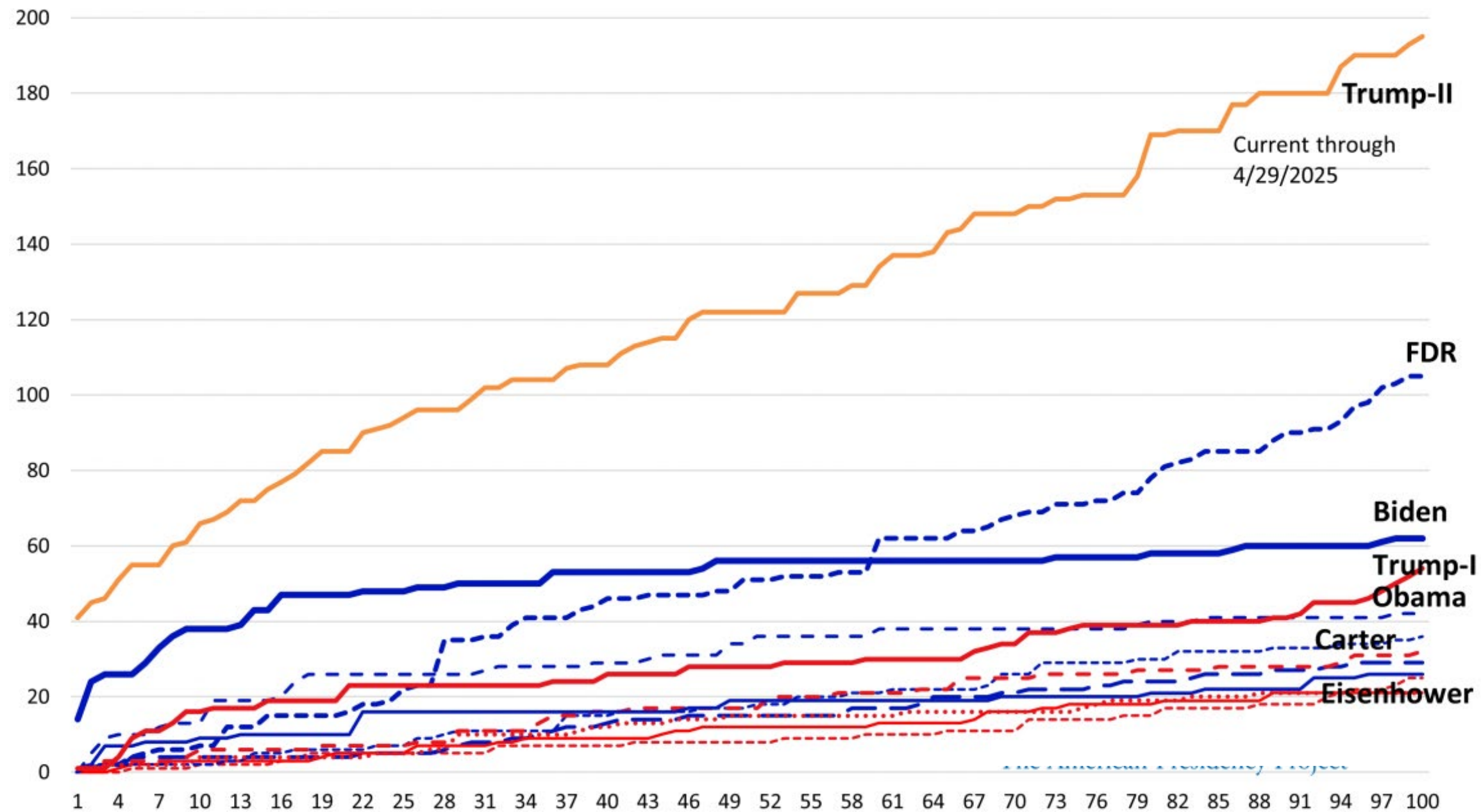


SOURCE: The American Presidency Project



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# Day 1

## EO 14151

Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing

## EO 14154

Unleashing American Energy

## Presidential Memorandum

Temporary Withdrawal of OCS for Offshore Wind, Review of Permitting for Wind

## EO 14156

Declaring an Energy Emergency

## EO 14158

Establishing and Implementing the Department of Government Efficiency

## EO 14173

Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity

# Key Topics of Interest for Environmental Review and Permitting of Infrastructure

## BUCKET 1



Regulatory  
Rollbacks



Declaring an  
Energy Emergency

## BUCKET 2



Eliminating  
Environmental Justice



Eliminating Diversity,  
Equity and Inclusion  
Programs

## BUCKET 3



Pausing Federal  
Funding



DOGE and  
Workforce Reductions



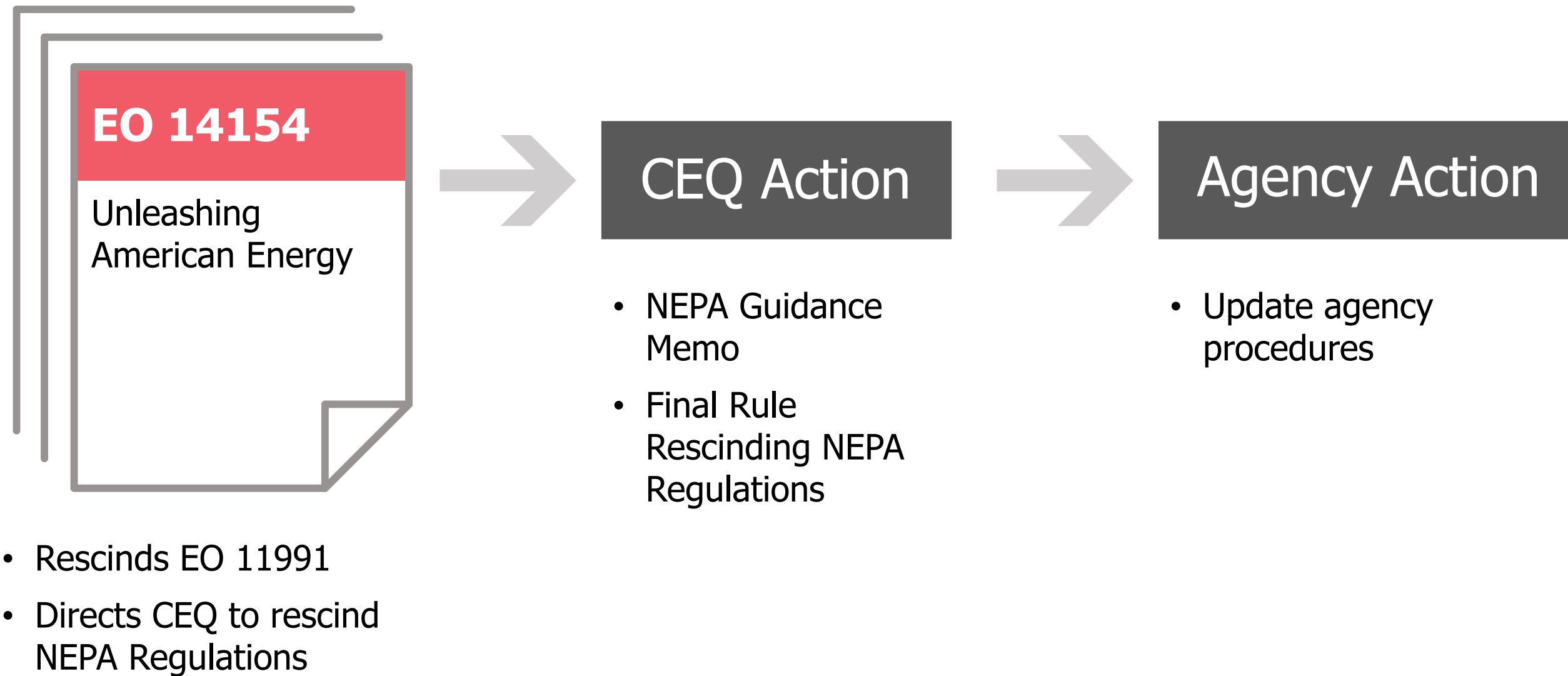


BUCKET 1

# Regulatory Rollbacks

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## National Environmental Policy Act





# Regulatory Rollbacks

## CEQ NEPA Guidance

- **Sponsor-prepared environmental documents**
- Time limits/deadlines
- **Reasonable Range of Alternatives**
- Definition of effects or impacts
- **What is a “major” federal action**
- Eliminates environmental justice as consideration under NEPA

# Regulatory Rollbacks

## Emergency Declarations & Prioritization

### EO 14156

Declaring an Energy Emergency

- USACE emergency procedures
- ACHP emergency procedures

### EO 14225

Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production

- Directs agencies to approve pending applications
- Creates mining transparency projects for the Permitting Dashboard

### EO 14241

Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production

- Adds coal to list of minerals targeted for expedited permitting
- Encourages use of CEs for coal production

### EO 14261

Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241

# Regulatory Rollbacks

## Deregulation Initiative

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### EO 14192

Unleashing  
Prosperity Through  
Deregulation

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### EO 14270

Zero-Based  
Regulatory  
Budgeting to  
Unleash American  
Energy

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### Presidential Memorandum

Directing the Repeal  
of Unlawful  
Regulations

10:1 rescind to  
propose ratio



# Environmental Protection Agency Reconsideration



Clean Power  
Plan 2.0



Mercury and Air  
Toxics Standards



Wastewater  
Regulations



PM 2.5 National  
Ambient Air Quality  
Standards



Regional Haze  
Program



GHG Reporting  
Program



Risk Management  
Program Rule



Car GHG Rules



Endangerment  
Finding



Technology  
Transition Rule



National  
Emission Standards  
for Hazardous Air  
Pollutants

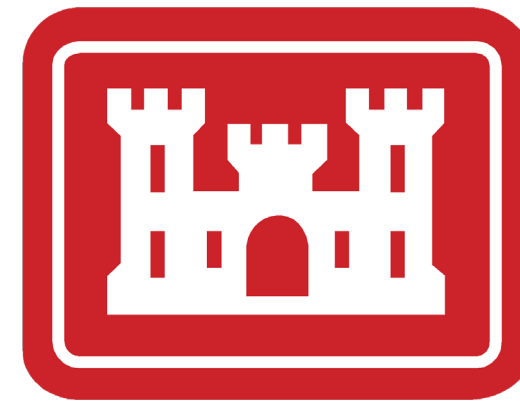


Social Cost  
of Carbon



Good Neighbor Plan



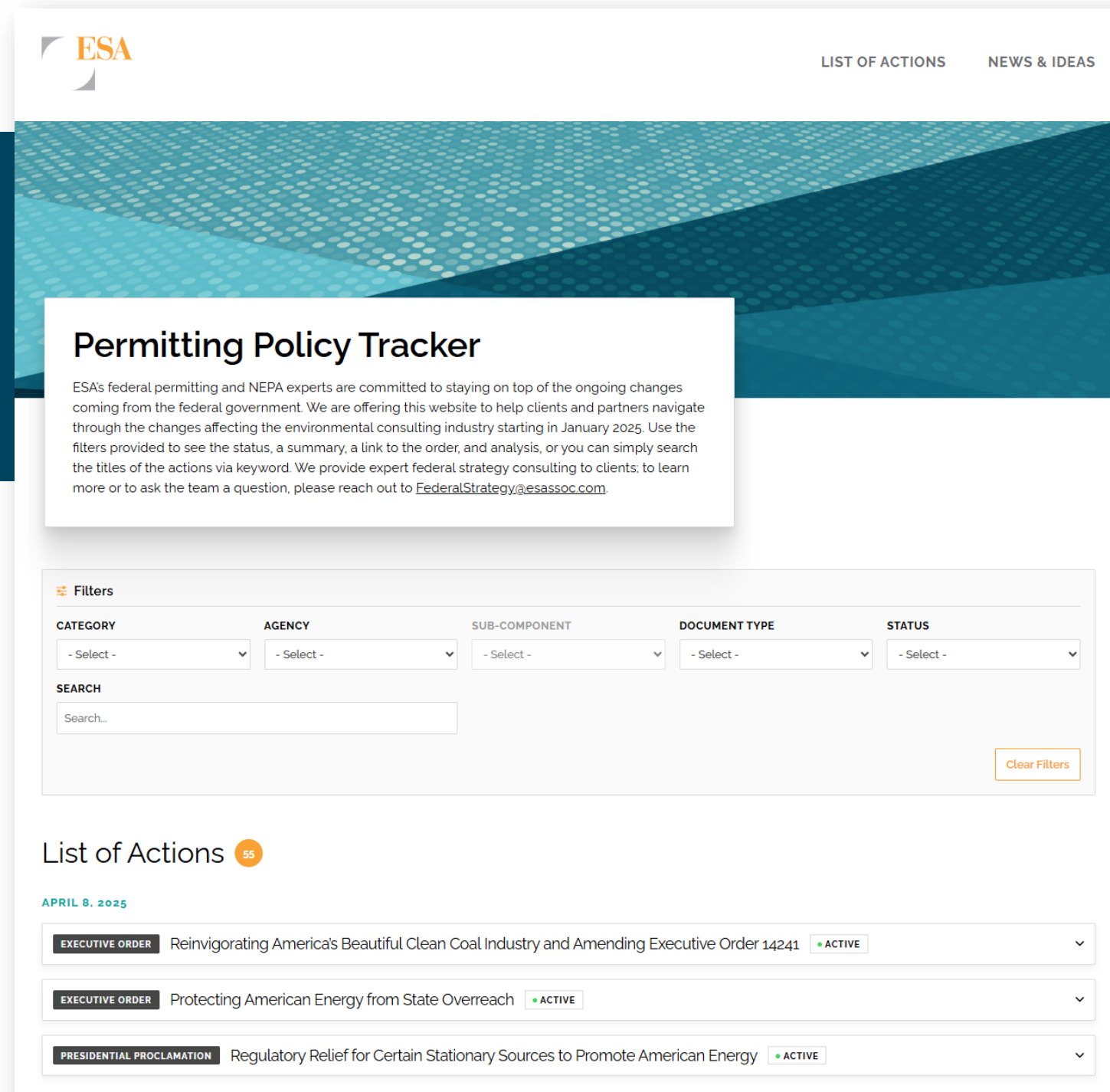


**US Army Corps  
of Engineers.**



Waters of the United  
States (WOTUS)

# Thank you!



**ESA**

LIST OF ACTIONS   NEWS & IDEAS

## Permitting Policy Tracker

ESA's federal permitting and NEPA experts are committed to staying on top of the ongoing changes coming from the federal government. We are offering this website to help clients and partners navigate through the changes affecting the environmental consulting industry starting in January 2025. Use the filters provided to see the status, a summary, a link to the order, and analysis, or you can simply search the titles of the actions via keyword. We provide expert federal strategy consulting to clients; to learn more or to ask the team a question, please reach out to [FederalStrategy@esassoc.com](mailto:FederalStrategy@esassoc.com).

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### List of Actions 55

**APRIL 8, 2025**

<b>EXECUTIVE ORDER</b>	Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241	ACTIVE
<b>EXECUTIVE ORDER</b>	Protecting American Energy from State Overreach	ACTIVE
<b>PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION</b>	Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Energy	ACTIVE

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# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## National and Regional Priorities

# EPA Administrator 5 Pillars

Clean Air, Land, and  
Water for Every  
American

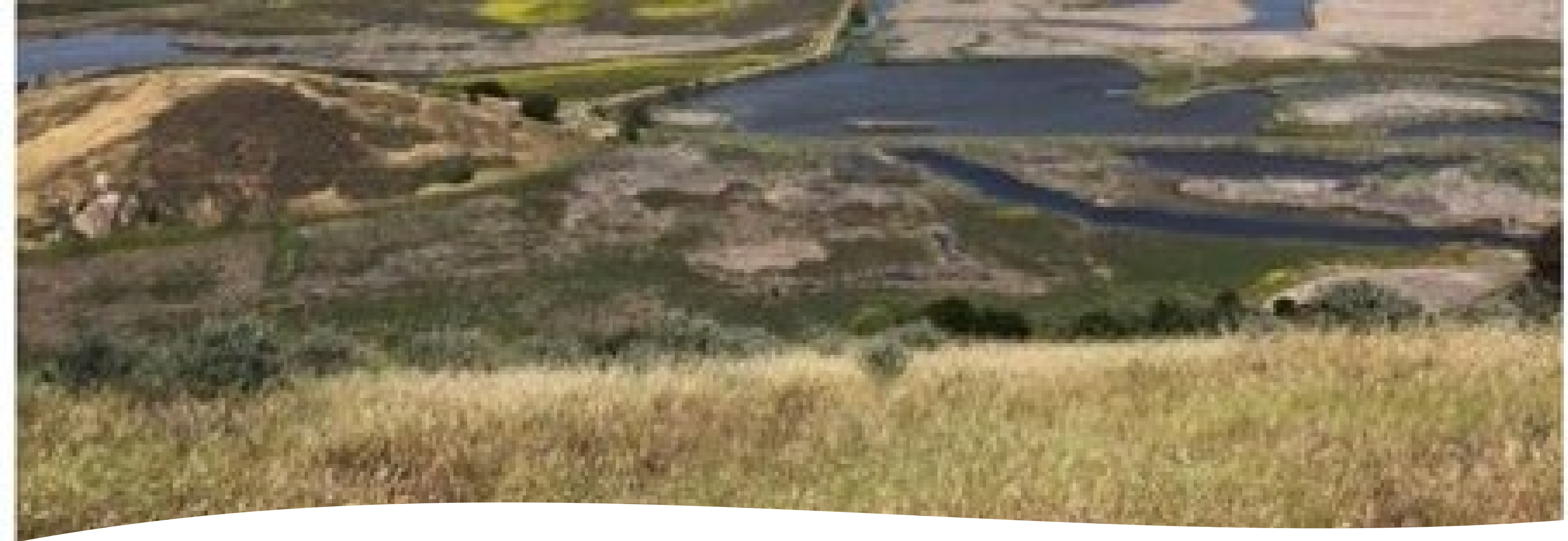
Restore American  
Energy Dominance

Permitting Reform,  
Cooperative  
Federalism, and Cross-  
Agency Partnership

Make the United  
States the Artificial  
Intelligence Capital of  
the World

Protecting and  
Bringing Back  
American Auto Jobs





## **Waters of the U.S. Listening Session**

- Public - May 14
- Small Business Stakeholders – May 19

<https://www.epa.gov/wotus>

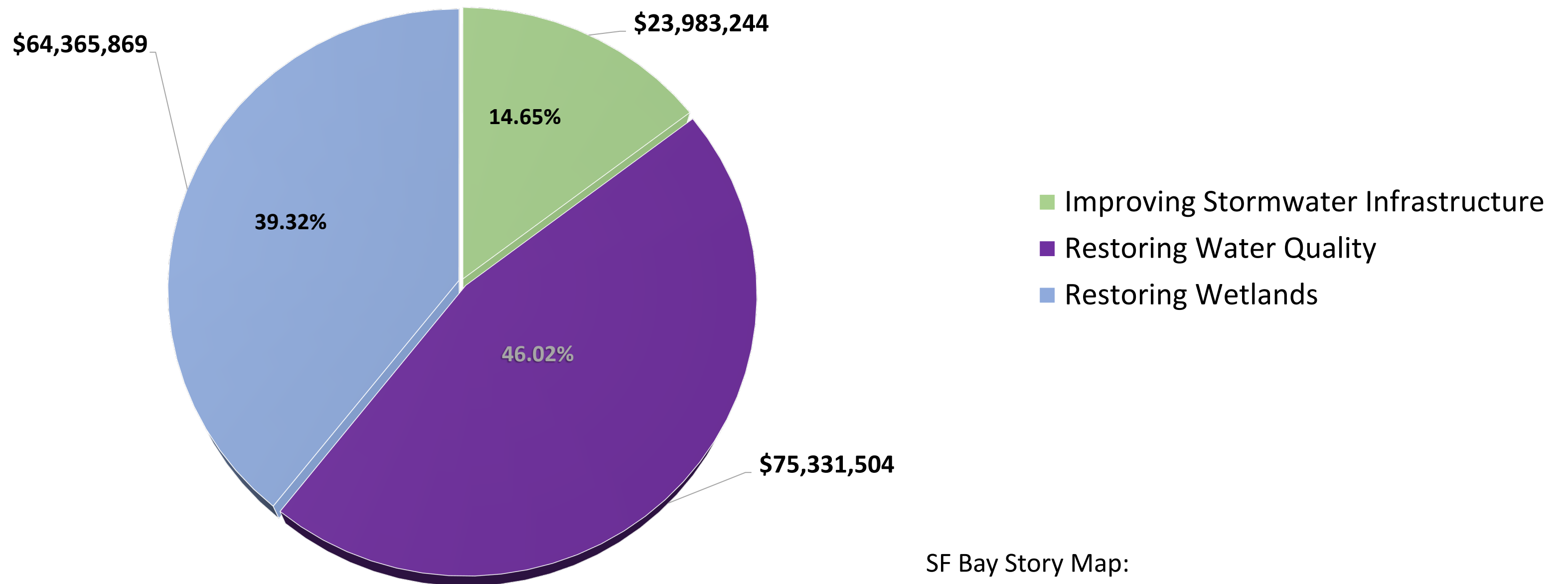






# SF Bay Awards 2008- 2024

Over \$163 Million Dollars Awarded



SF Bay Story Map:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/fbcee9e1ab154c1686e349ef7ff2f57f>





Steelhead Trout. Photo from Valley Water



Green infrastructure cell flooding during a rain event  
at El Cerrito High School, California

<b>San Francisco Estuary Institute</b> (Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Implementation)	\$5,000,000	Water Quality Improvements		
<b>ABAG-SFEP</b> (Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Implementation)	\$5,000,000			
<b>San Francisco Estuary Institute</b> (Regional Monitoring Program and Nutrient Management Strategy)	\$12,000,000			
<b>City of San Pablo</b> (PCB TMDL) Support for the monitoring and analysis of the PCB TMDL Implementation Plan, on behalf of stormwater permittees.	\$8,000,000	Stormwater Infrastructure		
<b>CA State Coastal Conservancy</b> (BRRIT)	\$3,400,000	Wetland Restoration		
<b>CA State Coastal Conservancy</b> (Beneficial Reuse of Dredged Material Support)	\$12,000,000			
<b>California State Water Resources Control Board</b> (Staffing support for SF Bay Regional Board)	\$4,000,000			



## Montezuma Wetland Restoration Project

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency





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