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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Atlantic Division



# *ACT Drought Summit*



*PERSPECTIVE: What's about to happen ... not ... what's happening?"*

*“Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives, puts itself into our hands and hopes we've learned something from yesterday.”*

*John Wayne*



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## Why Did I Invite You Here?

We need to work together  
to get through this – Need  
system view – we don't  
manage the entire system!!



GOD PUT ME ON EARTH  
TO ACCOMPLISH A  
CERTAIN NUMBER OF  
THINGS, RIGHT NOW  
I AM SO FAR BEHIND,  
I WILL NEVER DIE.





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- ***Establish a routine process for sharing information that will:***
  - **Ensure a common operating picture of the ACT system.**
  - **Lead to development of principles (triggers and trade-offs) for use during droughts.**
  - **Increase the transparency of communication – we all know what we know – the public too.**
  - **Lead to the development of a routine interagency and intergovernmental process for anticipating, planning for, and dealing with water shortages.**
- ***Not: Evaluate Corps decisions or answer pending requests.***



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## *Our Commitment ...*

- **Serve the public – we have no self interests.**
- ***Be Transparent in all communications.***
- ***Listen ... Listen ... Listen ...***
- ***Make sound decisions and stand behind them.***
- ***Respect the federal mediation process – this summit for ACT only (ACT and ACF separated). NOTE: we need to learn from this drought – we need to revise our manuals to codify how we will deal with extreme situations.***
- ***Do everything in our power to contribute to solving problems that face all of us ... even host summits.***



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## *Operating Regionally ... The Journey Continues*



### ***The SAD Commander's Intent***



- **MISSION:** Succeed as a Region
- **WORKFORCE:** Invest in People
- **RELATIONSHIPS:** Build Trust
- **RESOURCES:** Leverage Resources



***Deeds Not Words!!***



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## *Way Ahead ...*

- **Mobile District Commander comments and introduction of Mobile Team ... Status of the ACT System ... Prognosis.**
- **Information Sharing ... Stakeholder Time.**
- **Discussion of Process ... HOW? ... HOW Often?... Who?**
- **Conclusion**



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