

Ecological Restoration Business Association



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- Top representation in DC through full-time professional staff and lobbying team
- Opportunity to influence policies through multiple committee efforts (rule-making, WOTUS, species, WRDA, and others)
- Weekly News Digests covering the latest headlines impacting the industry & periodic DC Digests reviewing ERBA engagements and important regulatory notices and congressional actions
- Monthly Industry Update Calls with the President, Executive Director and Lobbying Report
- Networking and Membership meetings throughout the year to focus on regional issues and engage with local regulators
- Invitation to the Annual Policy Conference in Washington DC – includes DC Fly-In, Congressional reception and policy discussions covering the latest in regulatory actions and emerging trends
- Support for other industry conferences throughout the year including Restore America's Estuaries Coastal Summit and NMEMC



Mitigation Practitioners

- Leader Level: \$25,000 (major companies with a broad national footprint in the mitigation and restoration space)
- Platinum Level: \$10-15k (providers operating within multiple states that have a national presence, including consultants/ contractors who are heavily involved in the industry)
- Silver Level: \$6500 (regional based mitigation providers and ILF/NGOs)

Industry Advocates (consultants and attorneys):

- National Level: \$5000 (national office scope)
- Regional Plus Level: \$3000 (mid-size consultant operating in multiple states)
- Regional Level: \$1500 (small 1-5 employee company primarily operate in one state)



REGULATORY:

2008 Compensatory Mitigation Rule RGL on Timelines and IRT Leadership and Roles, Principles of Delivery guidance, stream restoration roundtable, and other general improvements to the 404 program at the national and district level. Species Mitigation Rule-Making and reissuance of Species Policies, support for EPA's water quality trading memo and forthcoming rule, tracking WOTUS, NWPs (mitigation thresholds in the GCs, NWP-27 improvements, PCNs), and state program developments that may set a national precedent.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH:

Establishment of a best practices forum to host industry trainings for providers and regulators (first was on financial assurance mechanism), raising the industry's profile on the Hill with congressional office and committee meetings, coordinating with influential permittee and think tank groups to educate on our member's work and find common ground on policy recommendations (for example, presented to American Gas Association and made introductions to mining, road, and conglomerates industry groups).

LEGISLATIVE OPPORTUNITIES:

Increase to the Corps' annual Regulatory Budget with dedicated funds for mitigation, accountability in Corps application of the \$160M for Corps Regulatory under IIJA, perspectives on permitting reform, our industry's connection to nature-based infrastructure and faster implementation of traditional gray infrastructure, funds for advanced mitigation programs under the Highway Bill, and WRDA 2024 asks including follow up on 2022 GAO Studies and targeting language to expand Corps Civil Works ability to directly contract for mitigation using pay for performance contracting.



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