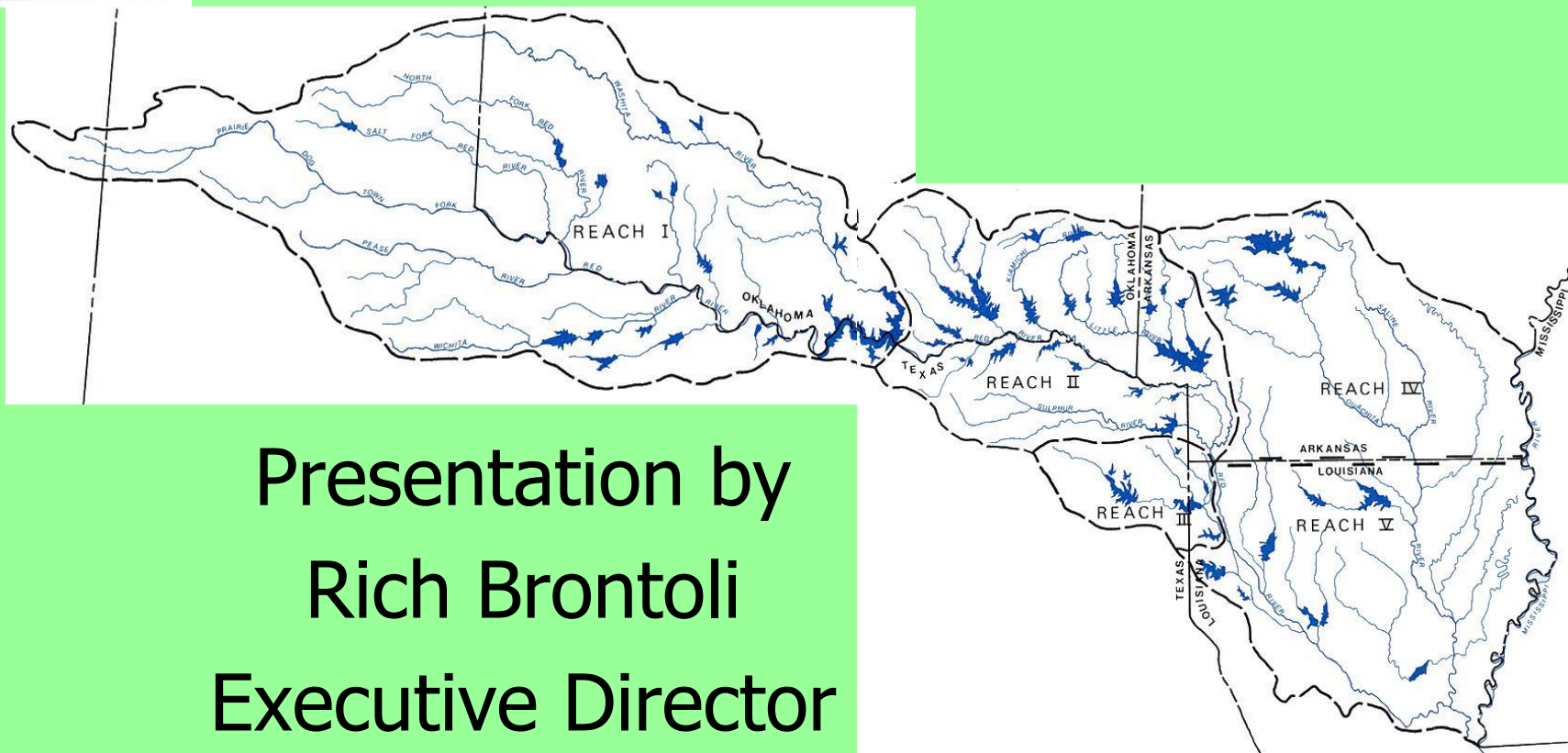




# RRVA Update



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# Discussion Items

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- 2018 Election Results
- FY 2019 Appropriations
- Earmarks
- Louisiana Navigation – 12' Channel
- SW AR Navigation Study
- Navigation to Denison Dam
- Chloride Control Solar Ponds
- Other Project Support



# Election Results

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- All US Representatives Re-elected & are Republican – Become Minority
- Sen. Cruz Re-elected – only Senator up for Re-election
- 5 of 8 Senators up for Re-election in 2020
- Republicans Control the Senate



# FY 2019 Appropriations

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- COE & BOR Appropriations Passed 1 Oct
- COE Received \$7+ Billion
- Additional Funding Pots



# Earmarks

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- Has National Attention
- House & Senate MUST Re-define “Line Item Appropriation”
- If ‘Authorized’ NOT an Earmark
- Appropriations is Responsibility of Congress – NOT Administration



# Louisiana Navigation

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- Dredge Funds – 2019 Budget  
O&M - \$1.2 M Diverted to Lock 2  
Dewater & Inspection
- Increased Traffic
  - Steel Coils
  - Iron Ingates
  - Scrap Iron



# 12' Channel

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- Currently 9' Channel Authorized
- 12' Provides 1/3 More Cargo per Barge  
6 barge tow carry same as 8 Barges
- Feasibility Study Authorized in 2018 WRDA
- Appropriations for a New Start Study
- Over 90% of Waterway is 9' or Deeper

# Southwest Arkansas Navigation Study

## Plan B

### 3 L&D to Fulton





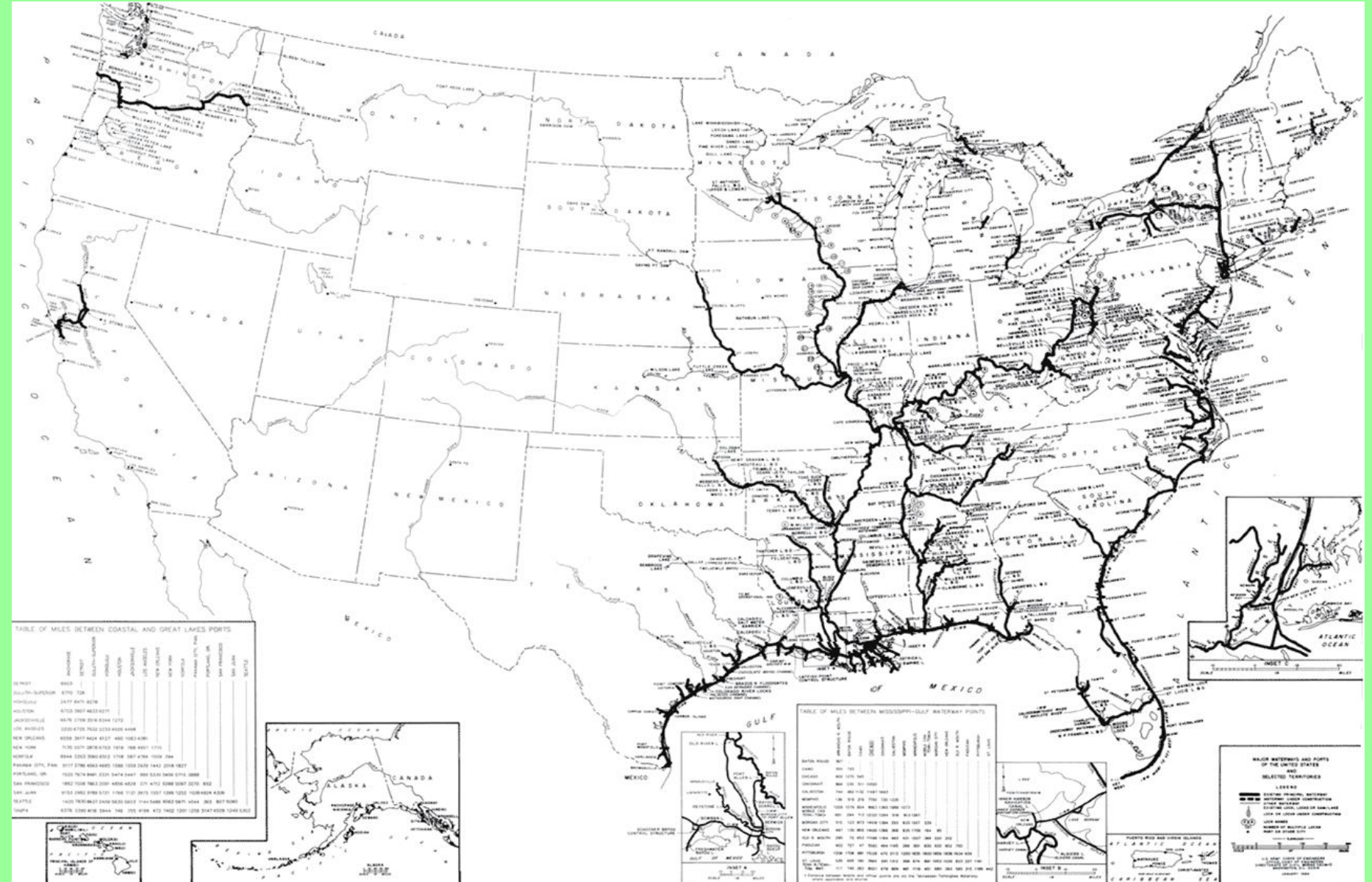


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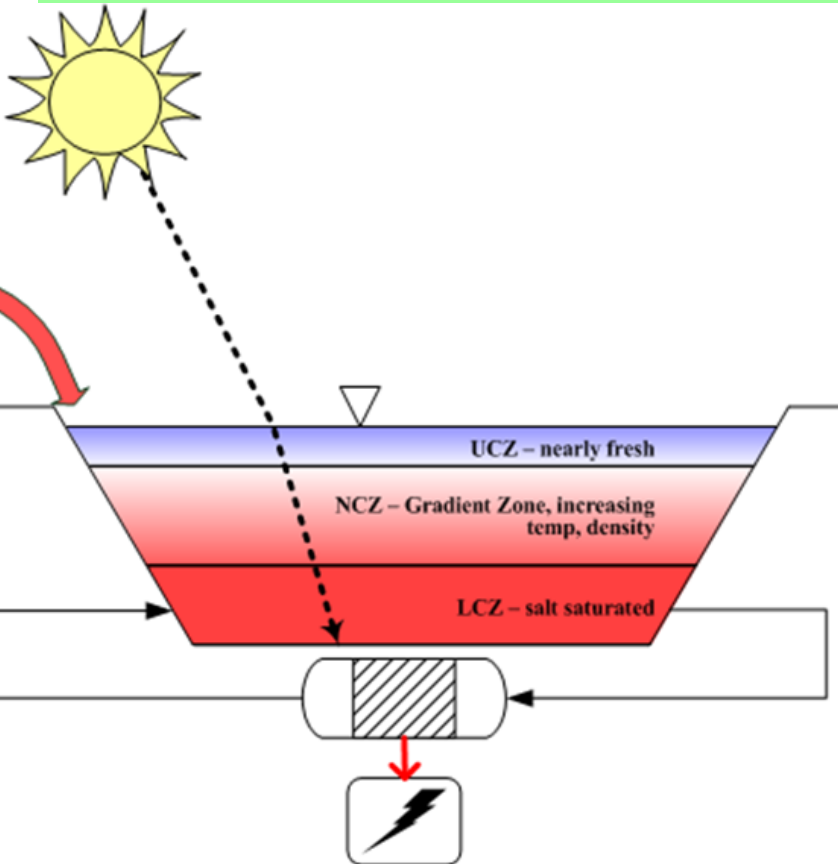
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- Do enough of a Recon/Feasible Study to determine 'reality' of a project (\$500,000)
- Potential Benefits:
  - \* Navigation – **Container on Barge**
  - \* Recreation
  - \* Water Supply: Municipal / Ag / Industrial
  - \* Stabilizing River Banks
  - \* Hydropower
  - \* Eco-System
  - \* Non-Traditional – Air Pollution / Fuel Efficiency  
Reduce Highway Maintenance & Congestion

# Inland Waterway



# Chloride Control Solar Ponds



~25% of the solar energy is absorbed at the pond bottom, heating the adjacent LCZ, which is prevented from buoying to the surface and releasing the heat to the ambient due to density stratification



# Other Project Support

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- ❖ O&M for Reservoirs & Navigation
- ❖ Bureau of Reclamation Lakes
- ❖ NRCS Small Watershed Structures
- ❖ USGS Stream Gages



# Thank You

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