

Stakeholder Involvement in the WECC Risk Management Program

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RRP Process Evaluation

Worked Well

- Created opportunities for stakeholders to discuss risks
- Provided opportunity for stakeholders to give input to the Board of Directors on risk prioritization
- Resulted in clear list of priority risks to help focus organizational efforts

Needed Improvement

- Lacked analytically robust method to narrow the universe of risks (done largely by stakeholder opinion)
- Tended to be driven by a small number of stakeholder voices
- Limited involvement opportunities to two quarters every other year
- Lacked tracking of risk status and mitigation efforts

RMP Process Evolution

Initial Buildout

- Applied standardized risk analysis techniques
- Involved subject matter experts to help evaluate risks
- Created robust framework for objective analysis of risks to the BPS
- Allows for collection of risks as they emerge

Areas for Growth

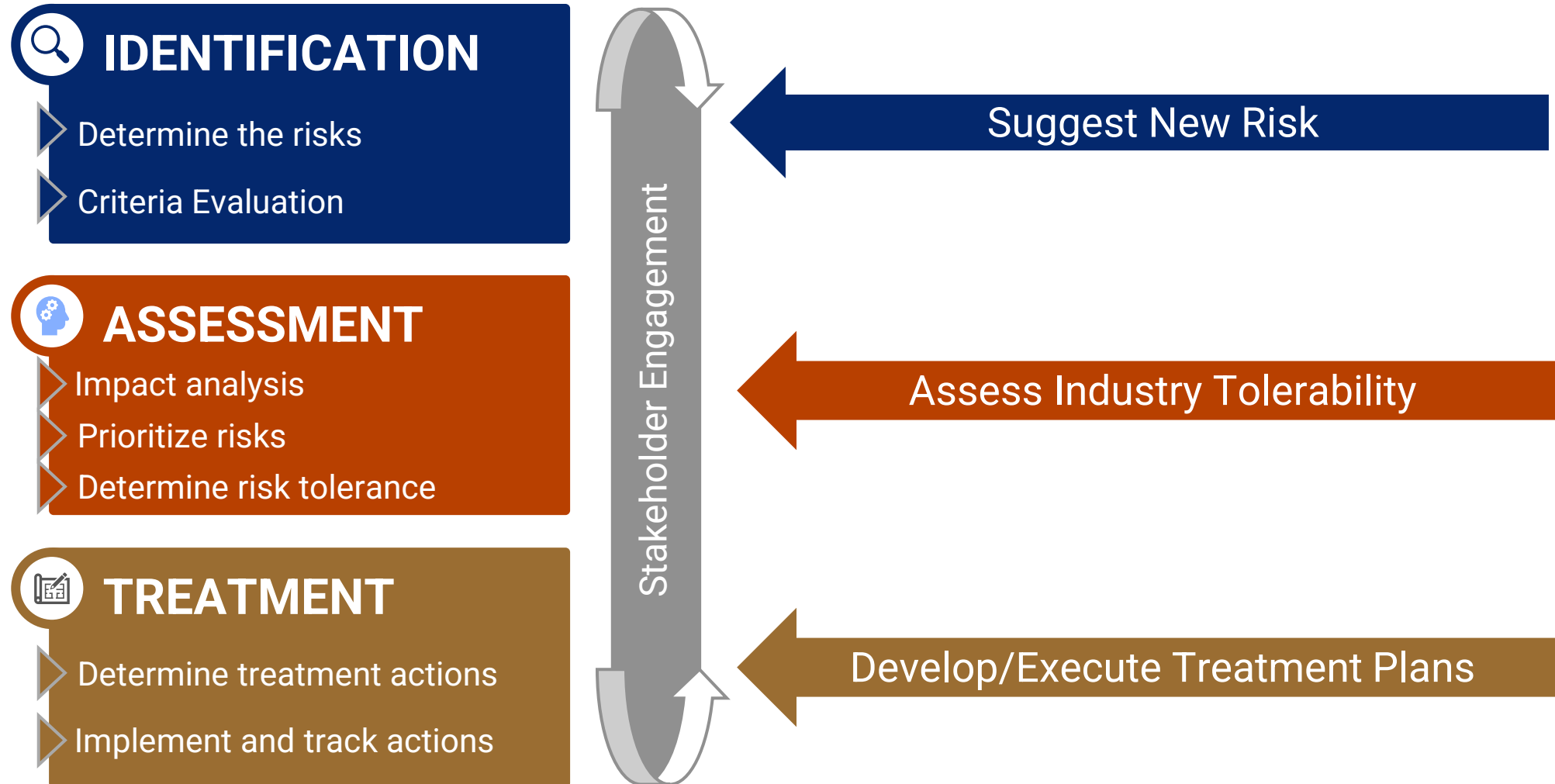
- Stakeholder involvement at levels beyond technical subject matter experts
- Stakeholder involvement opportunities beyond the submission form and RRC meetings
- Method to prioritize the risks based on WECC's role, resources, and focus
- Risk tracking (developed through 2025)

Combined Needs

- Analytically robust selection and evaluation of reliability risks
- Analytically-backed risk ranking process
- Mechanisms for stakeholders of different technical expertise and decision-making responsibilities to learn about and provide input
- Increased opportunities for stakeholders to provide input
- Method to track risk status and mitigation efforts

The best parts of the Reliability Risk Priorities process will be merged into WECC's Risk Management Program.

WECC Risk Management Program—Stakeholder Engagement





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Continuous

Industry Partnership Group(s)

WECC Activities

WECC BOD

New Risk Submission

Periodic

MAC/WIRAB Engagement

Stakeholder/Industry Activity

Ad hoc

Focused Risk Groups

New RMP: Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Continuous

- WECC Engagement
 - Regular communication mechanisms, e.g., social media, the Weekly, quarterly newsletter, educational/informational videos
 - Regular events and webinars, e.g., Reliability in the West Discussion Series
 - Analytical work products, e.g., Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy
- New Risk Submission
 - Always available for stakeholders to use
- Partnership Group
 - Ongoing group with connection to technical subject matter experts who work on risk analysis
 - SEEKING INPUT: What might this group look like? Who might be involved?
- Risk analysis and status tracking
 - Risk Register and Risk Treatment Tracker

New RMP: Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Periodic

- Board of Directors Updates and Discussion
 - Updates as part of technical report at Board meetings
- MAC Engagement
 - SEEKING INPUT: What does this look like? How often does it occur? What are the primary objectives of the engagement?
- WIRAB Engagement
 - SEEKING INPUT: What does this look like? When does it occur?
- Topic-specific Input Requests
 - SEEKING INPUT: What methods? What kind of input? How often?
 - E.g., quarterly survey, ongoing chat feature

New RMP: Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Annual

- Snapshot of risk status
 - SEEKING INPUT: What form does this take? How often is it provided/updated? What information does it provide?
- Stakeholder engagement on risk prioritization
 - Annual meeting discussions
 - E.g., MAC, Class meetings
 - September Board Meeting decision
- Annual creation of plans to address prioritized risks
 - Risk strategy development input (between September and December)



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