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(a) Watershed projects are to be planned and carried out in a way that will (1) minimize all adverse impacts, and (2) mitigate unavoidable losses to the maximum practicable degree. Projects must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190, 83 Stat. 832) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(b) Fish and Wildlife enhancement measures proposed by Federal or State agencies through Federal financial assistance are to be planned and carried out in a way that will (1) contribute to reducing floodwater, erosion, and sediment damages; (2) further the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water and the conservation and proper utilization of land; and (3) have the greatest net national economic benefits consistent with protecting the Nation’s environment (for structural water resource projects) relative to alternative works, unless an exception is granted by the Secretary.