

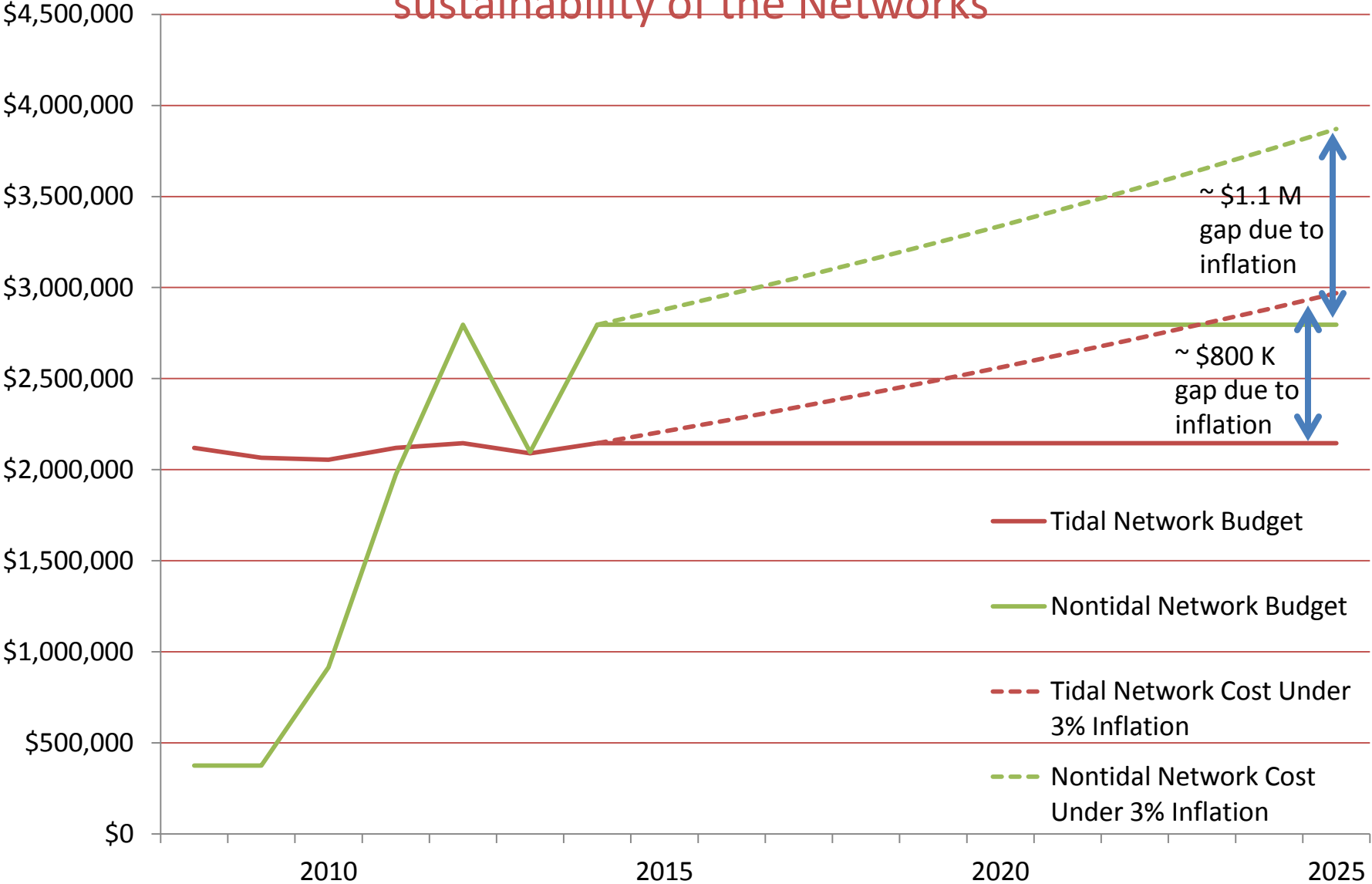


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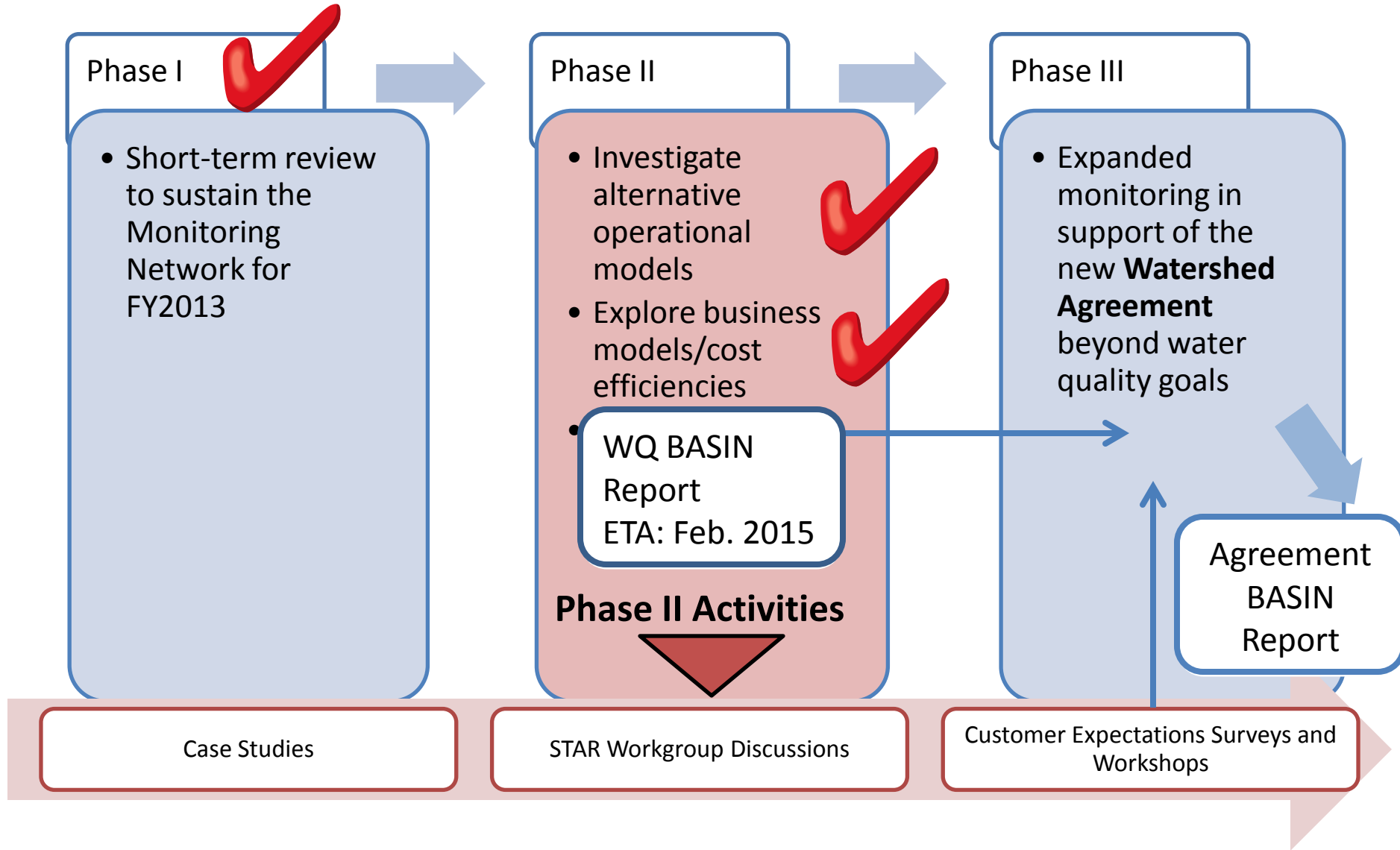
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Our Goal is to Maintain the Quality of the Network until 2025

We recognize there are uncertainties that impact the maintenance and sustainability of the Networks



BASIN: A Three Phase Process



BASIN Phase II & III

WHAT'S AHEAD?

Phase II: Water Quality BASIN Report

– Requests for Contributions

- Historical Monitoring Program Reviews
- Phase I: Sustaining the Program with 944K funding gap
- Phase II: Considerations for Alternative Operational Models
- Phase II: Potential Efficiencies to Sustain the Networks
- Phase II: Findings from STAC Report on Explaining Trends
- Scenarios for monitoring to support decisions through 2025: Steady funding, Reduced funding, Additional funding
- Shallow Water Monitoring Action Team Chapter

Phase II: Potential for Inclusion of Citizens Monitoring

Example: VA DEQ Citizen Monitoring Program

Three levels of data quality: I, II, and III

Level III status (Citizen Volunteer Organizations and Academic Institutions in 2012: 695 sites):

Required to:

1. Pass DEQ Audit
2. Possess DEQ approved QAPP and/or SOP
3. Provide QC information to DEQ

Currently used to:

List or Delist waters from
303 (d) Impaired Waters
List

Phase III: Coordinate Monitoring Supporting the 2014 Watershed Agreement outcomes

