

Abstract

The study on “Building Partnerships for Water Management of Water User Group Members: A Case Study of Royal Development Project of Huai Ma Kae Reservoir, Chiang Rai Province” aims to study responsibility division of water user group members, evaluate problems of their water management, and their opinions on building partnerships. In this study, the population was 217 members of the Royal Development Project of Huai Ma Kae Reservoir. The research tool was the questionnaire and SPSS was applied in data analysis. The statistics covered percentage, and Chi-Square. The study results are summarized as follows.

Most samples were male, aged 41-50 years, had no social position, and graduated from elementary schools (Grade 4-6). Their annual household salary was higher than 40,000 baht and their membership period was more than 3 years. From the study results on their responsibility division, the water user groups paid attention on partnership division activities, especially election and group leader appointment. With regard to the study results on evaluation of their responsibility division, the water user groups evaluated their knowledge at the high level, especially planning on water benefit. In terms of the study results on a guideline on building their partnerships on water management, the overall opinion on all 3 aspects was at the moderate level. The average of opinion on participatory evaluation process was at the highest, followed by coordination process and policy and strategic planning process.

The recommendations from the study are that the Office of the Royal Development Projects Boards, as the coordination centre, should hold a meeting to clarify partnership’s importance. Activities to create officer familiarity should be set in place. Study visits to projects awarded the Water Management Reward should be held. Members should have opportunity to participate in policy and strategic planning process. In a further study, members of others water projects, including factors affecting being memberships, should be studied.