



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Sediment Augmentation Feasibility Analysis Report Workshop Minutes
ED Office – Kearney, NE
January 13, 2010

Attendees

Chad Smith – ED Office
Dave Baasch – ED Office
Jason Farnsworth – ED Office
Mike Besson – Wyoming (Chair)
Brock Merrill – Bureau of Reclamation
Suzanne Sellers – Colorado Water Conservation Board
Jim Jenniges – Nebraska Public Power District
Mark Peyton – Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District
Mike Drain – Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District
Jeff Runge – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Matt Rabbe – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Tom Econopouly – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (teleconference)
Mike Fritz – Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Pat Golte – Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Mark Czaplewski – Central Platte Natural Resource District
Rich Walters – The Nature Conservancy

MCM Management Strategy Conceptual Model

Smith talked about revisions that were made to the MCM conceptual model, the group discussed the changes, and generally agreed we should remove the ‘process’ level of the model and combine that level with the ‘response’ level and remove the flow-chart arrow. Smith stated he would incorporate suggested changes (combine the process and response levels of the model and remove the title and arrow on the new level) and revise the Conceptual Model.

MCM Management Strategy Hypotheses and Uncertainties

Farnsworth led the discussion and indicated the purpose of the workshop was to address MCM management strategy uncertainty and to determine if we need to develop hypotheses and candidate performance measures for off-channel sand and water, in-channel mechanically created nesting islands, mechanical channel widening and maintenance, palustrine wetlands, and flooding cornfields. The group discussed each of these items and decided no hypotheses were needed at this time, but that we could use monitoring data collected during the First Increment to determine if we should develop specific hypotheses to test at a later date (i.e., sandpit islands versus sandpit peninsulas).