

**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program)****June 2022 Governance Committee (GC) Quarterly Meeting – Cheyenne, WY (+ virtual)**Day #1 – Tuesday, June 7, 2022**Governance Committee (GC)****State of Wyoming**

Brandon Gebhart – Member

**Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)**

Brock Merrill – Member (2022 GC Chair)

Brian Hollis – Alternate

**State of Colorado**

Amy Ostdiek – Member

Emily Zmak – Alternate

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)**

Steve Small – Member

Mark Porath – Alternate

Matt Rabbe – Alternate (virtual)

**State of Nebraska**

Tom Riley – Member

**Environmental Entities**

Brice Krohn – Member

Bill Taddicken – Member

Rich Walters – Member (virtual)

**Upper Platte Water Users**

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Kent Miller – Member

John Shadle – Member

Lyndon Vogt – Member

Devin Brundage – Member

**Other Participants**

Cory Steinke – CNPPID (virtual)

Jeff Shafer – NPPD (virtual)

Dave Zorn – CNPPID

Brian Caruso – Service (virtual)

Jeff Runge – Service (virtual)

Michelle Koch – NGPC (virtual)

Michelle Gess – State of Wyoming

Jennifer Hoeting – ISAC (virtual)

Kara Scheel – State of Colorado

David Galat – ISAC (virtual)

Jason Mead – Wyoming

Mike Drain – CNPPID

Jim Jenniges – NPPD (virtual)

**Executive Director's Office (EDO)**

Jason Farnsworth – ED

Bridget Barron

Justin Brei

Kristen Cognac

Patrick Farrell (virtual)

Julia Grabowski

Malinda Henry

Sarah Hinshaw

Mallory Jaymes (virtual)

Kaley Keldsen (virtual)

Kari Mohlman (virtual)

Chad Smith (virtual)

Tim Tunnell

Seth Turner

Malia Volke (virtual)

Ed Weschler (virtual)



#1	<b>WELCOME &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Greetings, roll call, review agenda.
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**Introductions** – Chair Merrill called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM Mountain Time. Merrill asked for a moment of silence to honor Joe Citta of NPPD, former GC member who died recently. Merrill also acknowledged the retirement of Harry LaBonde, Don Ament, and Alan Berryman and thanked them for their long service to the Program as GC members. The in-person and virtual groups proceeded with introductions.

**Agenda** – No modifications offered.

**Minutes** – **GC Motion:** Riley moved and Gebhart seconded to approve the March 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting minutes. **Minutes approved.**

#2	<b>COMMITTEE UPDATES</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> General update on recent work of PRRIP Advisory Committees.
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**Land Advisory Committee (LAC)** – Zorn provided an update on the latest LAC activities. The LAC last met on May 22. Agenda items included vegetation surveys, PRRA (later on GC agenda), cancelled tour of Chapman Complex due to weather (re-schedule soon), germination suppression flow release.

**Water Advisory Committee (WAC)** – Turner provided an update on the latest WAC activities. The WAC last met on May 3. Most agenda items will be covered during this GC meeting (choke point, state depletions plans). Also discussed leasing and recharge projects.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** – Merrill provided an update on the latest TAC activities. The TAC last met on April 13. Agenda items included grassland monitoring survey RFP, tern/plover monitoring and predator research, spring 2022 WC monitoring, pallid sturgeon research update, geomorphology/vegetation monitoring report, phragmites research, reviewed changes to the Extension Science Plan, non-target, non-listed species of concern.

**Finance Committee (FC)** – No FC meeting since the March 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting. Farnsworth said we will need to have an FC meeting in July.

#3	<b>OUTREACH UPDATE</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> General update on PRRIP outreach activities.
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## PRESENTATIONS

- Jason Farnsworth and Devin Brundage were on a Water Leadership panel for the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy on March 17, 2022, in Kearney, Nebraska. The panel focused on Nebraska water and included discussion of the Program.
- Kari Mohlman virtually presented Program research on terns and plovers on May 23, 2022, for Conservation Nebraska. Conservation Nebraska educates the public, media, and elected officials about important conservation issues.

## EXHIBITS/SPONSORSHIPS

- There were no exhibits or sponsorships in April or May.

**UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS/EXHIBITS**

- The Program plans to exhibit at Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island on September 13, 14, and 15, 2022 in the Natural Resources Districts building. Husker Harvest Days is recognized as the World's Largest Totally Irrigated Working Farm Show™ and features the most extensive state-of-the-art information and technology available for today's agricultural producers.
- The Program plans to exhibit at the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Annual Conference on September 25 through 27, 2022 in Kearney, Nebraska.
- The Program plans to sponsor the South Platte Forum on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Lafayette, Colorado.

**MEDIA/OTHER**

- On March 16, 2022, Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation designating the Sandhill crane as the official migratory bird of Nebraska. The signing ceremony was at Audubon Rowe Sanctuary. In the press release Kristal Stoner, Executive Director of Audubon Nebraska, emphasized the importance of the Platte River as a wetland habitat for Sandhill cranes.
- An April 14, 2022, an article in the Omaha World Herald reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reviewing the possibility of a down-listing proposal for the whooping crane. The listing would change the status of the whooping crane from endangered to threatened.

<b>#4</b>	<b>PRRIP BUDGET</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> General update on current status of FY22 budget.
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Farnsworth updated the GC on the status of the FY22 PRRIP budget. Farnsworth previewed budget action items to be discussed by the GC during this Quarterly Meeting.

<b>#5</b>	<b>PRRIP INDEXING</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Discussion of latest PRRIP indexing.
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Merrill discussed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and how agencies are scrambling to find projects to fund. Merrill put the Program's name into the hat for funding related to the Platte River Resilience Fund (PRRF) for work on phragmites/vegetation management in the central Platte River. The good news is the PRRF was awarded \$785,000.

Merrill discussed the results of the latest indexing for the Program. The Programs' budget cash ceiling increased by 15.74% during the period of October 2020 to October 2021 due to inflation. From October 2021 to April 2022, the inflation index has increased by an additional 5.5%. By October 2022, there may be another 8-10% jump in the cash ceiling.

<b>#6</b>	<b>PRRIP TIERED CONSULTATIONS</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Discussion of latest PRRIP tiered consultations.
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Rabbe discussed tiered consultations in 2021. This was the lowest year of tiered consultations to date. Rabbe summarized the four projects that received consultations last year. Freeman asked if the spreadsheet provided in the meeting packet is something that is part of a larger spreadsheet that shows all of the tiered consultations going back to 2007. Rabbe said yes but they are broken into annual spreadsheets so there are 15-16 of them, he could compile them into a single spreadsheet if that is something the GC wants. Freeman said it would be helpful in terms of reporting to water users. Rabbe agreed to pull that together. Farnsworth said the EDO could help with that. Riley asked if that would be rolled up for all the states. Rabbe said yes, he would for example add all Colorado projects under the Colorado heading and do the same for Wyoming and Nebraska.



<b>#7</b>	<b>PRRIP SCIENCE ACTIVITIES &amp; TARGET SPECIES</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Discuss Science Plan implementation activities.
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Jaymes discussed the results of spring 2022 whooping crane (WC) monitoring. The Program was able to complete 71% of the scheduled monitoring flights and we are on target for an average spring in terms of percentage of population use (just over 6%).

Mohlman provided an update on the results of tern/plover monitoring so far and an update on predation research so far during the summer monitoring season. Rabbe asked if since Dyer is fenced did the badger caught on camera predating a nest swim around the fence? Mohlman said that appears to be what happened. The trapper is going to try to catch the badger recognizing this behavior.

Henry provided an update on pallid sturgeon research during spring 2022. There are 25 pallid sturgeon with active tags on the lower Platte River (Program tagging effort + fish from the Missouri River), most of which are below the mouth of the Elkhorn River. There was one instance of take during this field season. The research team has noted what they believe to be spawning behavior. Brei discussed ongoing coordination with the LiDAR contractor to find a flow-related window to fly LiDAR on the lower Platte River as directed and approved by the GC. Riley asked how UNL's Secchi disk measurements were corresponding to real-time data at Louisville. Brei said not well so far, we need more measurements and data to compare. Shadle asked about the spawning behavior and aggregation, including the number of males and female. Henry said she did not have those data but she can ask the UNL team.

Volke discussed the 2022 field effort for phragmites research. Research will be conducted primarily at the Plum Creek, Ft. Kearney, and Chapman complexes. Riley asked about the potential unintended consequences of phragmites continuing to sprout as it is mobilized during EA releases. Volke said it is unusual but it is something to watch and these areas have been mapped to keep an eye on it. Her gut feeling based on observation is that it doesn't seem to be a primary driver. Riley said even if it is only happening at the fringes it could be an issue. Rabbe noted in the chat that phragmites moves even faster in a dry riverbed. Hoeting asked how long that phragmites has been underwater in the picture. Volke said about a week.

Grabowski discussed the reach-wide geomorphology and vegetation monitoring report. It is the result of a couple of years of work to pull together a very large and complex dataset (years 2017-2020).

**GC MOTION:** Riley moved and Gebhart seconded to approve the system-scale geomorphology and vegetation monitoring report. **Report approved.**

<b>#8</b>	<b>EXTENSION SCIENCE PLAN</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Approve Extension Science Plan.
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#### *Extension Science Plan*

Henry presented the Extension Science Plan to the GC for review, discussion, and approval. She discussed changes made to the Science Plan since discussed with the GC at the March 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting. Freeman said looking at the thumbs up/down chart, the footnote at the bottom (Page 14) is somewhat concerning, particularly the word "applicable." The Program spent a lot of effort to apply thumbs up/down and while she appreciates the need to keep an open mind, the wording of the footnote is too open-ended. We need to monitor and keep an eye out for red flags, not to see if the



conclusions remain applicable. Language along the lines of “to assess.” Farnsworth said the EDO would work on potential language changes overnight and come back to the GC tomorrow to discuss. Freeman asked about the nature of the Extension Big Questions and how they have changed to be more complex and not set up as “yes/no” questions like the First Increment Big Questions. Smith, Henry, and Farnsworth said it was the result of the Program maturing and asking higher-order questions that relate to potential resource trade-offs, to address questions linked to the Extension Document and the Second Increment Policy Frame.

#### *Whooping Crane Telemetry Data Sharing*

Henry discussed the need for Program acquisition of WC telemetry tracking data to help address Extension Big Questions in the Science Plan. She is seeking initial guidance from the GC on how to develop a collaborative approach to gaining access to and using those data. Riley asked if it would be helpful for the GC to send a letter or otherwise provide a statement of support for the Program being able to access this data. The GC settled on encouraging a collaborative approach that will start with a phone call or virtual meeting with the WC Telemetry Team to talk about next steps. On the part of the Program, participants will include the EDO, the Service, Audubon, and The Crane Trust.

#### **#9 ISAC MEMBERSHIP**

**Agenda Item Objective:** Appoint new ISAC members and approve ISAC member agreements.

Smith summarized the process of identifying and recommending new ISAC members and the results of that process with the ISAC Selection Panel. GC group discussion:

- Riley – thanks to Chad for pulling together great information; have a great slate of candidates to appoint; thought we would get more candidates to respond but pandemic seems to have made people re-assess their time and commitments.
- Freeman – agree with Riley, a really good process.
- Ostdiek – we should consider obtaining a letter from Pearse’s employer (USGS) that he is authorized to do this and will exercise independent judgment. Smith and Farnsworth said language like this could be added to Pearse’s contract, the GC agreed with that approach.
- Taddicken – ISAC Selection Panel very satisfied with Pearse’s answers and his tone during the interview.
- Shadle – Jenniges (NPPD) comfortable with Pearse’s ability to serve in this role and give the Program great advice.

**GC MOTION:** *Shadle moved and Merrill seconded to accept the ISAC member recommendations made by ISAC Selection Panel (appoint Dr. Michal Tal to a 3-year term; appoint Dr. Aaron Pearse to a 3-year term and include amended contract language that affirms the USGS authorizes him to serve and that he will exercise independent judgment) and also to accept the recommendation from Dr. Chadwin Smith of the EDO to re-appoint Dr. Ned Andrews for a one-year term. Motion approved.*

**GC MOTION:** *Riley moved and Vogt seconded to approve the six ISAC member Agreements including the Pearse Agreement as modified. Motion approved.*

#### **#9 OTHER SPECIES OF CONCERN**

**Agenda Item Objective:** Update on other species of concern.

Henry discussed recent work related to violet plantings on Program properties for Regal fritillaries. Riley asked if the violets to be planted are native to Nebraska. Henry said yes.

**GC MEETING DAY #1 END**

**4:57 PM Mountain Time**

**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program)****June 2022 Governance Committee (GC) Quarterly Meeting – Cheyenne, WY (+ virtual)**Day #2 – Wednesday, June 8, 2022**Governance Committee (GC)****State of Wyoming**

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Brock Merrill – Member (2022 GC Chair)

Brian Hollis – Alternate

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Amy Ostdiek – Member

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Jeff Shafer – NPPD (virtual)

Michelle Koch – NGPC (virtual)

Jim Jenniges – NPPD (virtual)

Dave Zorn – CNPPID

Barry Lawrence – State of Wyoming

Jay Smith – State of Wyoming

Jason Mead – State of Wyoming

Melissa Mosier – Audubon Nebraska

Scott Dicke – CNPPID (virtual)

**Executive Director's Office (EDO)**

Jason Farnsworth – ED

Bridget Barron

Justin Brei

Patrick Farrell (virtual)

Malinda Henry

Sarah Hinshaw (virtual)

Mallory Jaymes (virtual)

Chad Smith (virtual)

Tim Tunnell

Seth Turner

Ed Weschler (virtual)



#11	WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE	Agenda Item Objective: Greetings, roll call, review agenda.
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Chair Merrill called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM Mountain Time. The in-person and virtual groups proceeded with introductions.

**Agenda Revision** – The GC needs to discuss the proposed revised language for the footnote on Page 14 of the Extension Science Plan. Gebhart said his take was the conversation yesterday on this issue had to do with what if the Program starts down path of assessing Big Question and determines we don't need to study anything further. Freeman asked if we have determined what it means to come to resolution on a matter and when might the Program stop doing monitoring or a related science activity. Smith said this is a higher-order existential question for the Program that may fit best in thinking about how to proceed in the Second Increment after the Extension. But Smith noted this is something the GC should be thinking about and wrestling with now as the Program moves through the Extension.

**GC MOTION:** Riley moved and Taddicken seconded to approve the Extension Science Plan with the revised language for the footnote on Page 14: "Check-in activities are habitat and target species monitoring activities continued through the Extension that will provide information relevant to the previous/existing conclusions on the First Increment Big Questions for consideration by the Governance Committee. Extension Science Plan approved as amended.

#12	WATER ACTION PLAN (WAP)	Agenda Item Objective: Update on recent WAP implementation activities and approve surface water exchange agreements.
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Turner provided an update on the latest WAP activities including the EA release for germination suppression, the well recapture network, and the State Depletions Plans.

Mosier gave an update on recent VESPR work at the North Platte choke point. The group recently did a field visit with the contractor they hired to look into options at the choke point. Riley said it would be helpful for the GC to receive the RFP from VESPR that was used to hire the design contractor. Farnsworth said he has a copy and can distribute it. Riley said he is still trying to understand what VESPR is and why the group thinks the Program is constrained in its ability to work on an issue like the choke point while VESPR believes it is more open. Mosier said the group can work beyond the Associated Habitat Reach and endangered species and can thus be more creative in producing solutions for an issue like the choke point. Riley said EA water conveyance is really a PRRIP issue. Taddicken said the VESPR effort is additive and they are looking at things like long-term flooding and other issues that may be beyond the purview of the PRRIP.

Miller asked if VESPR is going to be looking at solutions to flooding problems in North Platte in and around the choke point. Taddicken said they won't be developing solutions but they are trying to understand the problem and learning about perceptions. The focus is on that understanding and not necessarily on solutions to the funding. Miller talked about the extent of flooding and other issues in the area, including problems with groundwater level fluctuation. Taddicken said VESPR is trying to understand those perceptions. Brundage asked if the RFP was focused on the social science piece. Taddicken said it is really focused on the engineering piece related to the choke point. Mosier said the RFP was broad and the group wanted to hire a contractor without any bias or previous experience with the choke point to get a fresh perspective. Hollis asked what deliverable would come from the work under the RFP. Mosier said they are trying to specify that and she will get back to the GC. Farnsworth said all the data and work done by the Program previously was packaged up and provided to the VESPR





contractor. Miller said he is concerned this seems to be focused on issues that have been around forever that are not the fault of the Program. Any work done needs to recognize these ongoing issues need to be addressed and are not the result of any Program action.

Audubon, Trust, TNC, Ducks Unlimited contributed with money and effort. VESPR membership also includes USFWS, Prairie Plains Resource Institute, UNL programs, Playa Lakes Joint Venture. Rabbe said Service not involved in decision-making effort on the RFP and did not contribute money. Riley asked if the Service is part of VESPR. Rabbe said yes but it is a loose affiliation. Riley asked if he could be part of the group. Mosier said different groups with different areas of expertise can certainly be part of the effort. Krohn said it is not intended to be in competition with the Program. VESPR stands for Vision for an Ecologically Sound Platte River. Whitaker asked about the funding level and peer review process for the choke point study. Mosier said the funding was about \$57,000-\$60,000 level. Peer review for the work done by River Design Group will be done by FYRA. They are looking for a suite of options and troubleshooting suggestions rather than full solutions to the choke point issue. Drain asked if the scope is mostly about information gathering and if so what will be the follow-up with that information? Taddicken said we don't yet know what we will do with the report, but likely things like using it as a way to help secure funding that is additive to the Program or that may reach funding opportunities the Program does not have access to. Miller asked if the VESPR effort is intended to look at just the choke point, or the entirety of the Platte River? Taddicken said the whole Platte River, the choke point just happens to be one of the first things the group is looking into. Miller asked if there are other RFPs on the street now. Taddicken said no, the choke point RFP is the first.

Merrill said it seems like there is interest on the part of the GC on the work of VESPR. He suggests the GC review information to be provided and consider building more time into the September GC meeting agenda to talk about more about this. Krohn said that Andrew Caven of the Trust is working on a publication related to the vision of VESPR and that will be provided to the GC when it is ready.

<b>#13</b>	<b>LAND PLAN</b>
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<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Update on PRRIP land-related activities.
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Tunnell provided the latest update on land management activities including bare ground treatment and noxious weed spraying. Hollis asked if the Program has pursued contractors from other areas to do work like this. Tunnell said we have tried to seek outside bids on work like this but it is hard for outside entities to compete with local contractors. Farnsworth said one of the main obstacles is that work like this would require an outside contractor to have a team in place locally all summer. Vogt said this is a problem for other entities in the area as well in terms of trying to build a larger pool of potential contractors. Riley asked if the Program specifies the material (like herbicide) that is to be applied. Tunnell said it is up to the contractor in terms of what works, what they are comfortable with, and what complies with regulations. Farnsworth said the Program defers to county weed superintendents on issues like this. Riley asked if the Program has an integrated pest management plan. Farnsworth said no. Riley said maybe the Program could push the leading edge of methods and tools for doing this work using drones and other technology that are employed for spot spraying. Farnsworth said we could add something like a more detailed mapping requirement when we need to but this out to bid again.

Rabbe discussed potential updates to the Platte River Recreation Access (PRRA) program. Recommendations from the PRRA subcommittee on the LAC:





1. Bruce Sackett retired from Headwaters so Tim Tunnell is now the EDO Point of Contact (POC) for the PRRIP.
2. Fishing on OCSW sites – Proposed Area K:
  - a. Recommend opening fishing on Leaman OCSW as a Pilot Property in 2022
    - i. PRRIP owned and access entirely controlled
  - b. Only open outside of tern & plover season – August 15 to April 15 open
  - c. Bank fishing only (from the outside water perimeter around the OCSW)
  - d. No Ice Fishing (wouldn't be from bank), no boating allowed
  - e. Use statewide regs, if NGPC has regulation sign, use that
  - f. Fish must be cleaned off property, pack in pack out EVERYTHING (if you don't release a legal fish live, it must be packed out with the user-no carp on banks)
  - g. 2 users (all that will fit in parking lot for pilot year)
3. Dipple property boundary
  - a. Recommend opening up additional access in the riparian corridor along the North channel, where fence encompasses all PRRIP boundary.
  - b. East and South boundary issues ongoing- GC guidance to seek resolution, but timeline unclear.
  - c. North boundary is known, there is a fence of convenience that can be used to mark and sign North channel boundary. Tim will work to establish the cutoff of where access in the timber on the Northern boundary should end and divert back to South.
4. Enroll available Chapman Complex property, proposed Area Q:
  - a. Recommend enrolling Meyer Tract in PRRIP
  - b. Riparian forest and river- Parking lot proposed on SW corner of property.
  - c. Access to only include wet meadow and accretion riparian forest/river ground
  - d. Check fencing on E and W boundary- if no fence, a new fence and signage will be constructed and installed
  - e. Homestead and crop land closed
  - f. Remove permanent blind on river
  - g. 1 user per 100 acres
5. Public communication about management
  - a. List recent and/or upcoming management actions on PRRIP website- newsletter highlighting program WC successes, or on Program website? Could add disclaimer "Program management may involve disking, grazing, tree clearing- users are reminded to scout ahead."
6. Fake users and overbooking- EDO to run statistical analysis on 2021 season data to see if this is a real or perceived problem. If no patterns suggest user problems, this will be permanently put to bed (PRRIP surveys consistently have these comments every year).
7. Review tri-fold brochure content – NGPC update with WC success in "about us"
8. Review survey questions
  - a. NGPC will remove questions on topics that are no longer of interest
  - b. NGPC will add new questions if deemed useful
9. No public comments received.

Merrill asked if there is any action being sought from the GC. Rabbe said these are recommendations from the subcommittee that would move forward without GC action unless the GC wants to re-direct. Merrill said it might be wise to run the proposal for allowing fishing access to the Leaman OCSW through



the TAC to address any potential conflicts or concerns related to ongoing tern/plover predation research at this site. Farnsworth agreed and said the EDO would come back to the GC in September with an update on that discussion.

<b>#14</b>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Public comment period on PRRIP activities.
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None offered.

<b>#15</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> GC member discussion of sensitive land, water, and policy items.
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**GC Motion:** *Taddicken moved and Riley seconded to enter Executive Session. GC entered Executive Session at 9:49 AM Mountain Time.*

**GC Motion:** *Mehling moved and Riley seconded to exit Executive Session. GC exited Executive Session at 10:49 AM Mountain Time.*

<b>#16</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> GC consideration of motions discussed during Executive Session.
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None offered.

<b>#17</b>	<b>GC MEETING REVIEW &amp; WRAP-UP</b>	<b>Agenda Item Objective:</b> Discuss action items, meeting feedback, and upcoming meeting schedule.
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**Upcoming GC meetings** (in-person meetings depend on local and national public health conditions and travel restrictions):

- **September 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting** – September 13-14, 2022 @ *Kearney, NE* (in conjunction with Fall 2022 ISAC Meeting)
- **GC Virtual Special Session on FY2023 Budget/Work Plan** – November 9, 2022; 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Central Time *via Teams*
- **December 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting** – December 6-7, 2022 @ *Denver, CO*

<b>GC MEETING DAY #2 END</b>	<b>10:48 AM Mountain Time</b>
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### Summary of Action Items/Decisions from June 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting

- 1) Approved the March 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting minutes.
- 2) Approved the system-scale geomorphology and vegetation monitoring report.
- 3) Accepted the ISAC member recommendations made by ISAC Selection Panel (appoint Dr. Michal Tal to a 3-year term; appoint Dr. Aaron Pearse to a 3-year term and include amended contract language that affirms the USGS authorizes him to serve and that he will exercise independent judgment) and also accepted the recommendation from Dr. Chadwin Smith of the EDO to re-appoint Dr. Ned Andrews for a one-year term.
- 4) Approved the six ISAC member Agreements including the Pearse Agreement as modified.
- 5) Approved the Extension Science Plan with the revised language for the footnote on Page 14: "Check-in activities are habitat and target species monitoring activities continued through the Extension that will provide information relevant to the previous/existing conclusions on the First Increment Big Questions for consideration by the Governance Committee."