



	<b>PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program) 2026 Science Plan Reporting Session (Virtual)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Day #1</b> – Tuesday, February 24, 2026 <b>Day #2</b> – Wednesday, February 25, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Day #1</b> – 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Central Time <b>Day #2</b> – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Central Time
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual in Teams: <b>Day #1</b> – <a href="#">Join the meeting now</a> <b>Day #2</b> – <a href="#">Join the meeting now</a>
<b>Attendees:</b>	Independent Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC); members of the Governance Committee (GC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC); Program staff from the Executive Director's Office (EDO)
<b>General Pre-Read Material:</b>	1) <b>PRRIP Extension Science Plan</b> – pages 4-11 including Extension Big Questions (EBQs) table. 2) <b>EBQ Reframe Document + GC Presentation</b> – revised approach to assessing progress toward answering the EBQs.
<b>General Discussion Questions:</b>	1) For each EBQ: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Are there research, monitoring, or analysis gaps we need to address, and if so, how?</li><li>Do we know enough to estimate relationships with confidence (i.e., answer the EBQ) and stop focusing on the question?</li><li>How do we address experienced and/or potential surprises?</li><li>Are we generating useful information that can inform short-term management and long-term policy decision-making?</li></ol>

<b>Agenda Color Code:</b>	
PRRIP Administration & Decision-Making	
PRRIP Land Plan & Land Management Actions	
PRRIP Water Plan & Water Management Actions	
PRRIP Science Plan & Science Implementation	



Time	Day #1 Agenda
11:00-11:15 AM (:15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Introductions</li><li>• Meeting Objectives</li><li>• Agenda Review</li></ul>
11:15-11:30 AM (:15)	<p><b>PRRIP Science and Decision-Making</b> <i>Chad Smith, EDO – presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PRRIP obligations, moving to a Second Increment beyond 2032.</li><li>• What information is useful for Extension management actions?</li><li>• How might information from land management, water management, and implementation of the Science Plan be used in Second Increment negotiations and Program decision-making?</li></ul>
11:30 AM-12:00 PM (:30)	<p><b>PRRIP Land Plan Discussion Topics &amp; Questions</b> <i>Jason Farnsworth &amp; Tim Tunnell, EDO – presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How much land do we have? How distributed and why? How is it managed?</li><li>• On-channel management in relation to PRRIP goals/management objectives.</li><li>• Off-channel management in relation to PRRIP goals/management objectives.</li></ul>
12:00-12:30 PM (:30)	<p><b>PRRIP Water Plan Discussion Topics &amp; Questions</b> <i>Jason Farnsworth &amp; Seth Turner, EDO – presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How much water do we have? How much control do we have? What alternatives are available in terms of water management actions?</li><li>• Focus of First Increment Extension – how much water is necessary to avoid impacts and provide benefits?</li><li>• First Increment Extension goals – water portfolio to get there – status update – likely outcome.</li></ul>
12:30-12:45 PM (:15)	<b>Meeting Break</b>
12:45-1:15 PM (:30)	<p><b>PRRIP Target Species Discussion Topics &amp; Questions</b> <i>Malinda Henry, EDO – presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whooping Crane (WC) monitoring and use over time (10 min.) – Ethan Ideus, EDO</li><li>• Least Tern/Piping Plover (LTPP) monitoring and use over time (10 min.) – Alyx Vogel, EDO</li><li>• Pallid Sturgeon (PS) recap (05 min.) – Malinda Henry, EDO</li><li>• Non-Target Species (bats and others) and efforts to get a baseline (05 min.) – Jon Wentz, EDO</li></ul>
1:15-2:00 PM (:45)	<p><b>PRRIP Science Plan Discussion Topics &amp; Questions</b> <i>Malinda Henry &amp; Jason Farnsworth, EDO – presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How much water for management actions? – balancing the use of water over Program goals, management objectives, and multiple target species.</li><li>• Potential tool development – objectives, performance metrics, alternative management actions, simple models for use in a potential Structured Decision-Making (SDM) framework.</li><li>• Why are the EBQs prioritized? What information are they designed to provide? Is that information putting us in a good position for learning from implementation of management actions, use in a potential SDM framework, and for negotiations related to a PRRIP Second Increment?</li></ul>



<b>PRRIP Water &amp; Land Management Actions Implementation Discussion Topics &amp; Questions</b> <i>Malinda Henry &amp; Jason Farnsworth, EDO – presentation</i>	
2:00-2:30 PM (:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Responses of channel (geomorphology and vegetation) and species to management actions (germination suppression flows, channel widening and disking, events beyond the control of the Program)</li><li>Use WC as focus of synthesis – what is the “story”?</li></ul>
2:30-3:00 PM (:30)	<b>Group Discussion Topics &amp; Questions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clarifying questions from the ISAC</li><li>Discussion among ISAC, GC, TAC, and EDO</li><li>Preview of Day #2 Agenda</li></ul>
3:00 PM	<b>Day #1 Meeting End</b>
Time	<b>Day #2 Agenda</b>
9:00-9:15 AM (:15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome and Introductions</li><li>Meeting Objectives</li><li>Agenda Review</li></ul>
9:15-10:15 AM (1:00)	<b>EBQs 1-3: Water for Channel Maintenance (Geomorphology &amp; Vegetation Control)</b> <i>Malinda Henry, EDO – presentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EBQs 1 and 2 (30 min.) – Patrick Farrell, Quinn Lewis, &amp; Malinda Henry, EDO</li><li>EBQ 3 [no sediment augmentation experiment] (30 min.) – Quinn Lewis, EDO</li></ul>
10:15 AM-11:00 AM (:45)	<b>EBQs 4-6: Water Needed During WC Spring and Fall Migration</b> <i>Patrick Farrell, EDO – presentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On-channel factors important for WC stopover decisions</li><li>Off-channel factors important for WC stopover decisions</li></ul>
11:00-11:15 AM (:15)	<b>Meeting Break</b>
11:15 AM-11:30 AM (:15)	<b>EBQ 10: Water Needs Supporting Wet Meadow Hydrology</b> <i>Malinda Henry, EDO – presentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WC use of CPR wet meadows</li><li>Feasibility of creating/maintaining wet meadows</li></ul>
11:30-11:45 AM (:15)	<b>EBQ 7: Water that may Mitigate Impacts or Provide Benefits for PS</b> <i>Malinda Henry, EDO – presentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Factors associated with PS immigration/emigration to/from the Platte River</li><li>Factors associated with PS movement through the Platte River system</li><li>Characterizing PS habitat</li><li>Modeling potential effects of PRRIP CPR water management on LPR</li></ul>
11:45 AM-12:15 PM (:30)	<b>EBQs 8-9: Improvement of LTPP Productivity Through Predator Management</b> <i>Josh Carrell, EDO – presentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Predator management actions and predator monitoring – Alyx Vogel, EDO</li><li>Potential risk associated with nest cameras – Josh Carrell, EDO</li><li>Evaluation of effectiveness of management, factors affecting losses to predation – Josh Carrell, EDO</li></ul>
12:15-1:00 PM (:45)	<b>Looking Ahead (for July 2026 ISAC Meeting @ Kearney, NE)</b> <i>Malinda Henry, EDO – presentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preview thinking about possible re-design of germination suppression flow implementation (in 2027 and beyond)</li><li>Drone monitoring of <i>Phragmites</i> growth</li><li>General group Q&amp;A, discussion questions for ISAC</li></ul>
1:00 PM	<b>Day #2 Meeting End</b>