



1 **PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP or Program)**

2 **Governance Committee (CC) Virtual Special Session**

3 Tuesday, November 10, 2020: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT

4 *Meeting held online via MS Teams*

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6 **Governance Committee (GC)**

7 **State of Wyoming**

8 Brandon Gebhart – Alternate

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Brock Merrill – Alternate

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10 **State of Colorado**

11 Don Ament – Member

12 JoJo La – Alternate

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Tom Econopouly – Alternate

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14 **State of Nebraska**

15 Jesse Bradley – Member

16 Jennifer Schellpeper - Alternate

Environmental Entities

Brice Krohn – Member

Bill Taddicken – Member

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18 **Upper Platte Water Users**

19 Dennis Strauch – Member

20 Owen Williams – Alternate

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Kyle Whitaker – Alternate

Jason Marks – Alternate

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23 **Downstream Water Users**

24 Devin Brundage – Member

25 John Shadle – Alternate

26 Lyndon Vogt – Member

27 Kent Miller – Member

Other Participants

Mirko Kruse – Trout Raley (CO Water Users)

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29 **Executive Director’s Office (EDO)**

30 Jason Farnsworth, ED

31 Bridget Barron

32 Justin Brei

33 Patrick Farrell

34 Scott Griebing

35 Malinda Henry

36 Bruce Sackett

37 Chad Smith

38 Tom Smrdel

39 Tim Tunnell

40 Seth Turner

41 Kevin Werbylo



1 **WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE**

2 **Introductions** – Gebhart called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time.

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4 **Agenda** – No modifications.

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6 **Minutes** – No edits offered.

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8 **PRRIP FY21 Budget**

9 Farnsworth summarized the FY21 Budget and Work Plan and EDO staff provided line item details. Group
10 discussion:

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- 12 • Administration section – no Qs.
- 13 • Land section – no Qs.
- 14 • Water section:
 - 15 ○ Econopouly – when will we find out how many CNPPID irrigators signed up? Turner – in
 - 16 January or February of next year; Brundage – sign-up is underway, to date 170 acres signed
 - 17 up, program closes December 11.
- 18 • AMP section:
 - 19 ○ La – how was the pallid sturgeon (PS) research budget number calculated? Farnsworth –
 - 20 there is an ongoing PS genetics research study on the Missouri River that is coming to an
 - 21 end; we have a proposal from that researcher for a three-year study to continue that work,
 - 22 this amount would fund the first year of that research.
 - 23 ○ La – is this the EDO recommendation over doing another version of the Stage Change Study?
 - 24 Farnsworth – yes, we have a draft memo that we are cleaning up that we will provide soon
 - 25 to the GC that discusses how we got to this point.
 - 26 ○ La – Service, am I correct that you are talking internally about the idea of using research like
 - 27 this to meet the Program’s contribution to PS? Econopouly – yes, we are talking about that
 - 28 but have no timetable for a decision; could we spend this money on a different research
 - 29 project if necessary? Farnsworth – yes.
 - 30 ○ Shadle – is there any talk about looking at cycling off any of the current ISAC members and
 - 31 bringing on new members? Smith – yes, that is a priority discussion topic for 2021 and we
 - 32 will be talking with the GC about that at some point next year.
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34 **GC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP**

35 Action Items & Meeting Feedback – None.

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37 **Upcoming Meetings:**

- 38 • GC Quarterly Meeting – **December 02, 2020; 9:30 AM Central Time start** (virtual in MS Teams)
- 39 • 2021 Virtual AMP Reporting Session – **February 2021** (specific dates TBD)

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41 **GC MEETING END**

42 Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM Central Time.