



**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).