

Governance Committee Agenda (Revised 08/16/2007)
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program
Country Inn and Suites – DIA, Denver, Colorado

August 20, 2007 – 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Modifications

Minutes – Finalize June Governance Committee minutes – GC ACTION REQUIRED

Updates

- Program Legislation
- Legal Subgroup – legal services options/needs for the Program
- Water Management Study Project Phase I

North Platte Channel Capacity Project

- Update on Engineering Services
- Permit application
- Easements and legal negotiations
- Formal designation of ED as permit holder – GC ACTION REQUIRED

EA Bypass/Insurance/2008 Pulse Flow

- Discussion of elements associated with 2008 EA Augmented Pulse Flow:
 1. Pre- and post-monitoring of in-channel vegetation (Develop/update monitoring protocol, determine how work completed, funding)
 2. EA Bypass Agreement (Insurance, EA “Borrow/Payback of Central’s storage water)
 3. Coordination with Districts, EA Manager, ED, and other downstream interests
 4. Public outreach and notification plan
 5. EA Annual Operating plan and consideration of North Platte “choke point” capacity, anticipated baseflow conditions, EA supply, EA bypass

August 21, 2007 – 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Nebraska Community Foundation

- FME Contract Negotiations
- LIHE Contract Negotiations
- CA Funds remaining in NCF account - options

Discussion and Clarification on unsolicited presentations by federal agencies and others

- Sole Source Issues

Budget Related Items – GC ACTION REQUIRED

- Process for handling contracts and payment of invoices (**See Attachment**)
- Database Management System: recommendation from the Finance Committee to begin negotiations with USFWS Database group in Ft. Collins
- Modification of contract with Dave Smith to provide additional legal services for the North Platte Project Easements – Finance Committee recommendation
- Water surface elevation at whooping crane use sites pilot study – TAC and FC recommendation to utilize BOR
- Extension of agreement with WEST for providing assistance to the Executive Director and for completion of the WC analysis
- Cottonwood Ranch agreement (**See Attachment**)
- Lower Platte River Stage Change Study/Pallid Sturgeon (**See Attachment**)

Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Public Comment Period