

Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee

Challenges of Stakeholder Engagement in the Missouri River Recovery Program



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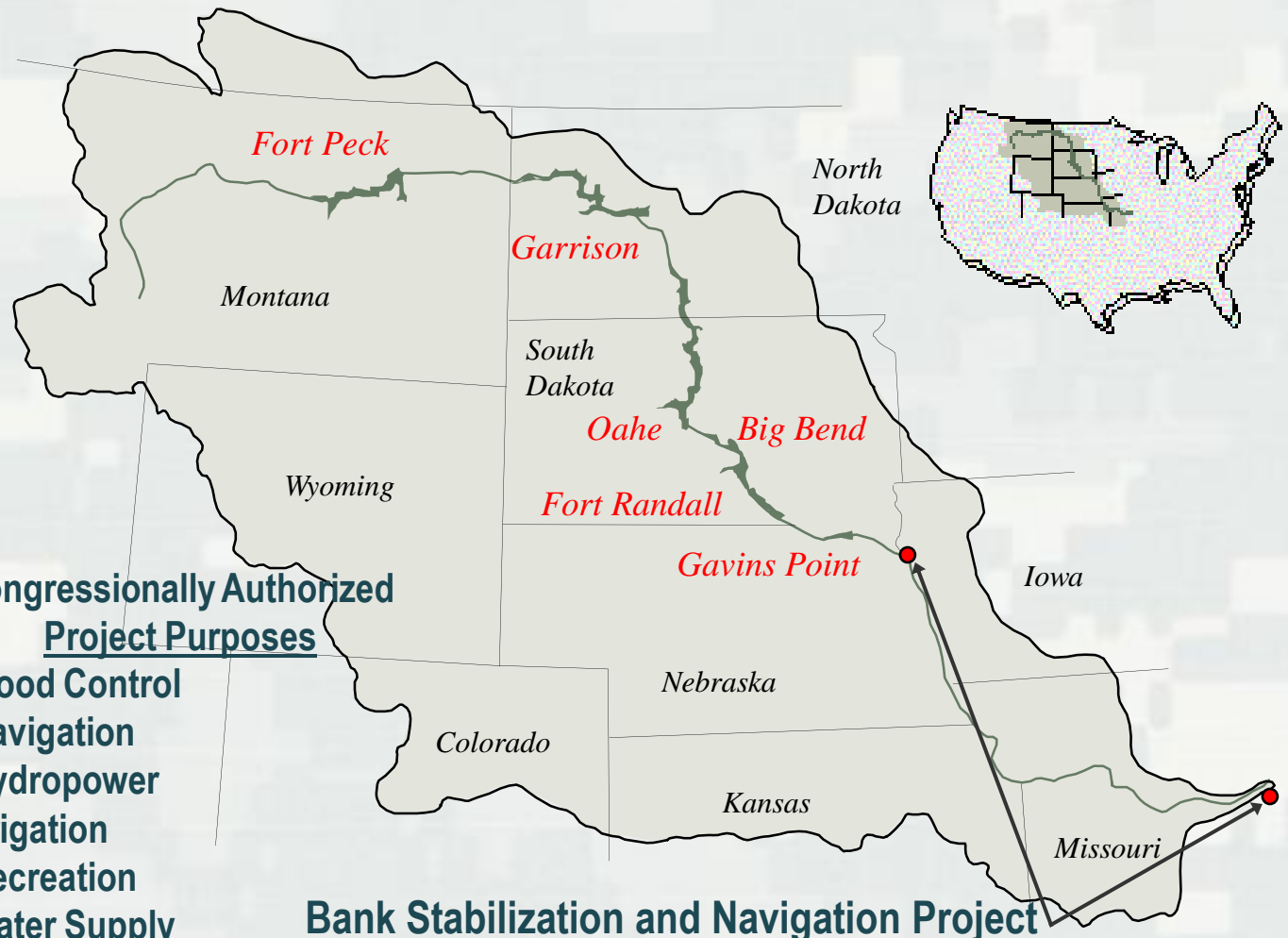


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Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System



**Congressionally Authorized
Project Purposes**

- Flood Control
- Navigation
- Hydropower
- Irrigation
- Recreation
- Water Supply
- Water Quality
- Fish and Wildlife

Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project
Sioux City, IA – St. Louis, MO



Threatened & Endangered Species



Interior Least Tern



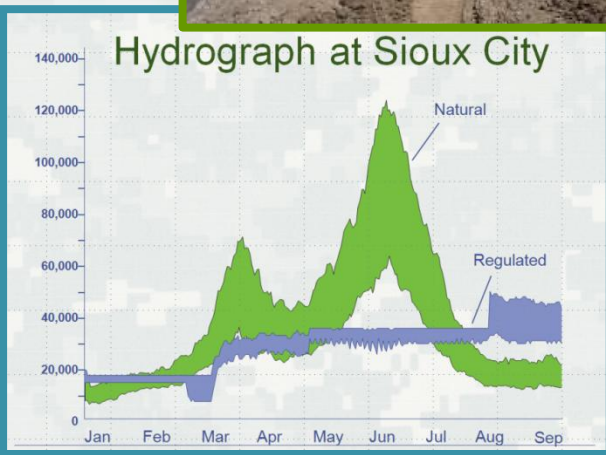
Piping Plover



Pallid Sturgeon

Missouri River Recovery Program Elements

- Habitat Construction
 - ▶ Shallow Water Habitat
 - ▶ Emergent Sandbar Habitat
- Propagation / Hatchery Support
- Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation
- Flow Modifications
- Public Involvement



Water Resources Development Act

WRDA 2007 Section 5018

Part (a)

The Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the MRRIC, shall conduct a study of the Missouri River and its tributaries to determine actions required to:

- mitigate losses of aquatic and terrestrial habitat*
- recover federally listed species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973*
- restore the ecosystem to prevent further declines among other native species*

Part (b)

Recovery Implementation Committee to be established by Secretary

Committee membership includes:

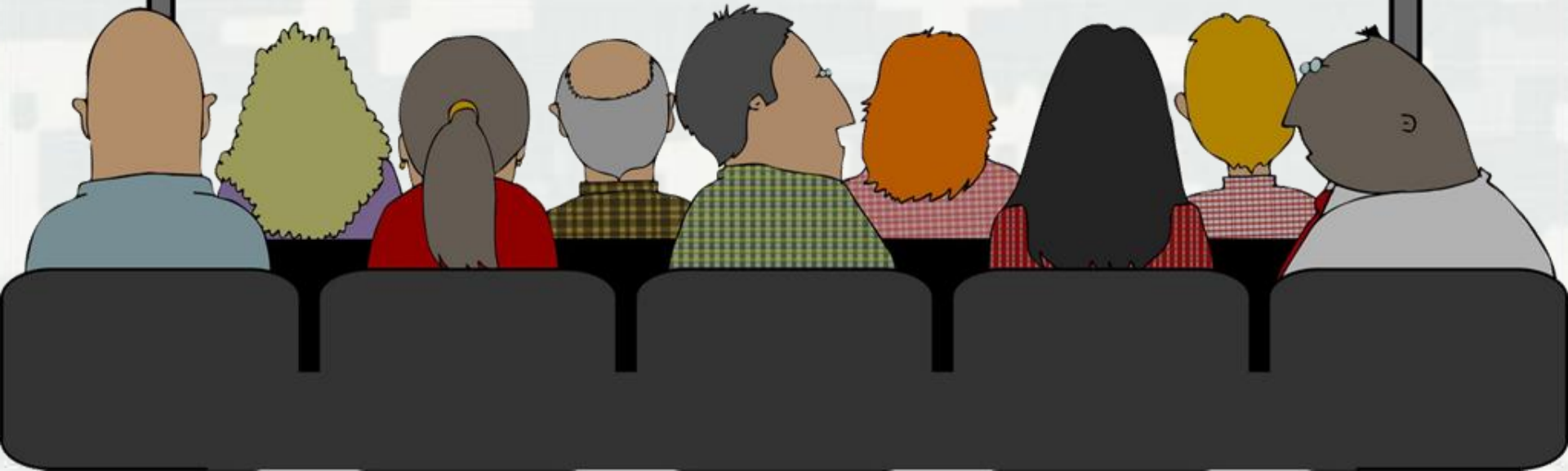
- Federal Agencies*
- States*
- Tribes*
- Non-Governmental Stakeholders*

Committee duties include:

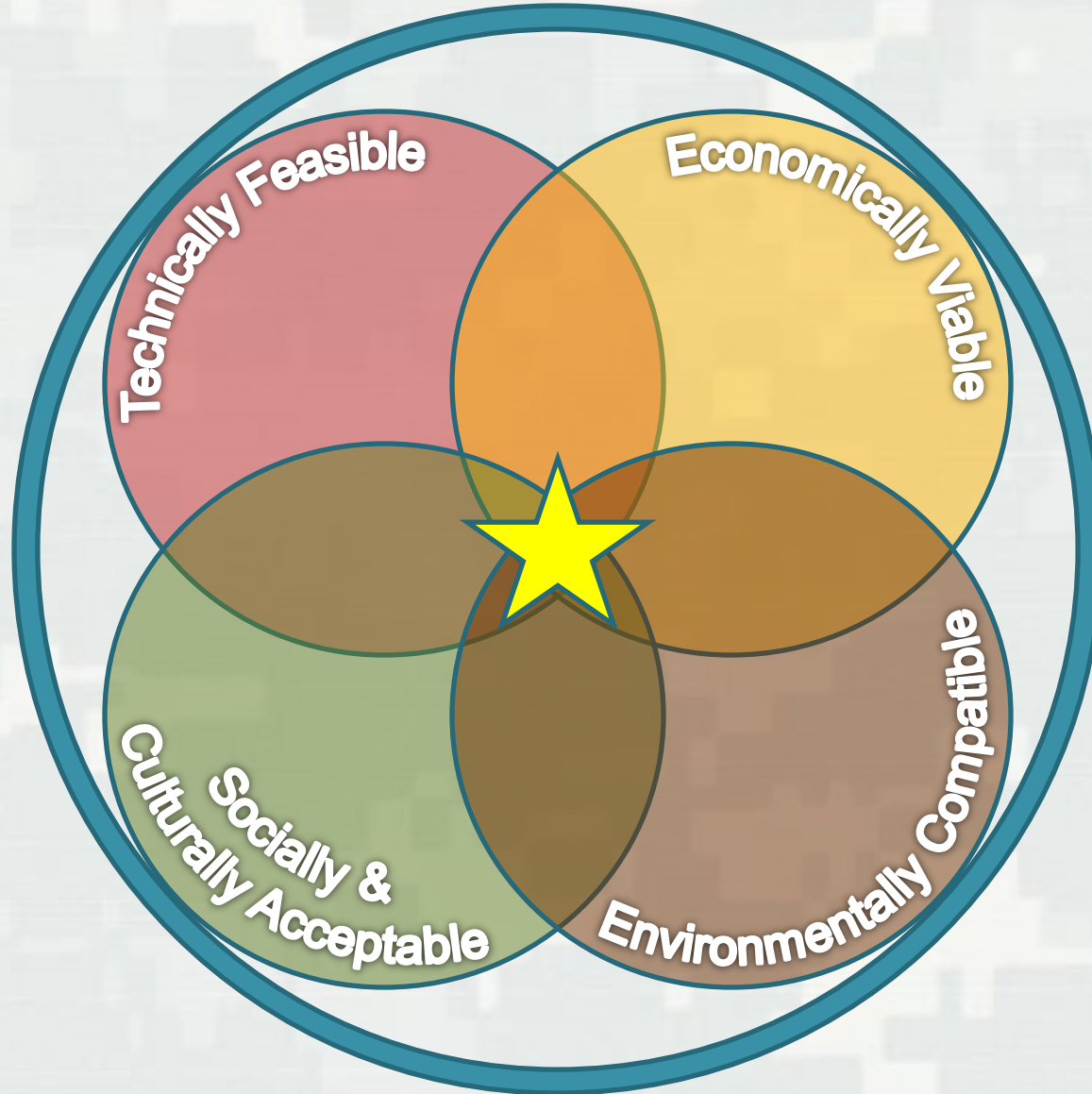
- Provide Guidance to Secretary, Federal Agencies, Tribes, & State Agencies on the Study*
- Provide Guidance and Recommendations to Secretary on Missouri River Recovery and Mitigation Plan*

The Federal Advisory Committee Act shall not apply to the Committee

Benefits of Public Participation



Sustainable Solutions



Pitfalls of Public Participation

We're from the Government and we want to COLLABORATE with you!

Great! That's just what we want!

INTENT:

We will be open and transparent but we cannot give away any of our decision-making authority

INTERPRETATION:


This government agency is committing to including us in making joint decisions



What do we need to make it work?

- Clarity of Purpose
- Agency Commitment
- Adequate Capacity and Resources
- Timeliness in Relation to Decisions
- A Focus on Implementation
- Commitment to Learning



Increasing Level of Public Impact 

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

<p>To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.</p>	<p>To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.</p>	<p>To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.</p>	<p>To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.</p>	<p>To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.</p>
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<p>We will keep you informed.</p>	<p>We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.</p>	<p>We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.</p>	<p>We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.</p>	<p>We will implement what you decide.</p>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fact sheets ▪ Web sites ▪ Open houses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public comment ▪ Focus groups ▪ Surveys ▪ Public meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshops ▪ Deliberative polling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Citizen advisory committees ▪ Consensus-building ▪ Participatory decision-making | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Citizen juries ▪ Ballots ▪ Delegated decision |
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Public participation goal

Promise to the public

Example techniques

Lessons Learned

- Shared Goals
- Agency Commitment
- Collaboration Training
- Clear Messages
- Course Corrections



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