

## **Chapter 6: *Consultation and Coordination***

### **Public Involvement**

This appraisal study began with identification of potential study partners and the various stakeholders. Once that step had been accomplished, Reclamation conducted many meetings involving the study partners. Each agency had the chance to shape planning objectives, initial alternatives, and the alternatives included in the draft version of appraisal report. Interests are listed in Appendix F.

Study partners funded their own expenses to attend meetings and conference calls; provided Reclamation with written comments and suggestions on documents and reports; and agreed to provide information and reports that related to their special expertise and/or jurisdiction. Some of study partners also provide in-kind-services, DNR performing the hydrologic modeling, for instance.

### **Coordination with Interests and Other Agencies**

Reclamation's partners in this study are listed below. Table 6.1 lists dates, location, and attendees of meetings.

- Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
- Frenchman Valley Irrigation District
- Hitchcock & Red Willow Irrigation Districts
- Riverside Irrigation District
- Middle Republican Natural Resources District
- Upper Republican Natural Resources District
- Nebraska Game & Parks Commission.

Table 6.1: Meetings of the Study Partners

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
May 4, 2005	McCook	All
June 7, 2005	McCook	All
September 23, 2005	Grand Island	All
December 7, 2005	North Platte	All
July 20, 2006	Lincoln	Reclamation, DNR (modeling meeting)
October 18, 2006	Conference Call	Reclamation, DNR (modeling call)
February 15, 2007	Cambridge	All
February 23, 2007	Grand Island	Reclamation, DNR (modeling meeting)
June 8, 2007	Grand Island	Reclamation, DNR (modeling meeting)
August 24, 2007	McCook	All
October 1, 2007	Grand Island	Internal Reclamation briefing
February 14, 2008	McCook	All