



**Presentation to  
Missouri River Association of States and Tribes  
(MoRAST)**

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# Presentation Overview

## The Missouri River and MoRAST:

**Where have we been?**

**Where are we now?**

**Where do we go from here?**



# Where Have We Been?



# Missouri River Historical Perspective

- Flood Control
- Fish & Wildlife
- Irrigation
- Navigation
- Power
- Recreation
- Water Supply
- Water Quality

**Bank Stabilization and  
Navigation Project  
(BSNP)  
1912-1981**



**Mitigation Project  
1992 - Present**

**Flood Control Act 1944  
Dams and Levees Built  
8 Authorized Purposes**



**Master Water Control  
Manual Review and EIS  
1988 - 2006**



**Biological Opinion  
Implementation  
2004 - Present**



**Missouri River  
Recovery Management  
Plan (MRRMP)  
2013 - 2016**



**Missouri River  
Recovery Program  
2006 - Present**

# Where Are We Now?



# Recent MoRAST Efforts

## Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study (MRAPS):

- intended to provide a comprehensive review of the eight authorized Missouri River mainstem authorized purposes and infrastructure to determine if contemporary needs of basin are being met and whether changes are warranted

# Recent MoRAST Efforts (cont.)

- MRAPS initially authorized \$25M in U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) budget in 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act
- to date, scoping and initial steps of study have been completed
- Feb. 2011, House p voted to pass House Amendment 153 (A143) eliminating funding for MRAPS

# Recent MoRAST Efforts (cont.)

## Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Plan (MRERP):

- A scientific focused analysis of restoration, mitigation, recovery needs, and alternatives for the Missouri River for the next 50 years with consideration of impacts and benefits to existing social, cultural, and economic resources in the basin.



# Recent MoRAST Efforts (cont.)

## Benefits of MRERP:

- Open and collaborative process with Missouri River Basin States and Tribes and basin stakeholders through MRRIC and CAT
- Consider a full range of alternatives, including mainstem tributaries and culturally significant resources
- As part of NEPA, impacts to environment would also be assessed and addressed

# Recent MoRAST Efforts (cont.)

- MRERP authorized by WRDA 2007, Section 5018
- 4 years of a multi-year cooperative effort have been completed to date, equating to 4000 hours of time and associated expenses
- HR 2354 passed by voice vote eliminating spending for MRERP in FY12
- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-74) prohibited use of any FY12 funding for MRAPS and MRERP

# Recent MoRAST Efforts (cont.)

- House of Representatives Bill 1460 (H.R. 1460)
- A bill to remove “fish and wildlife” from the list of authorized purposes on the Missouri River system
- MoRAST sent letter to Congressman Tim Bishop and Congressman Bob Gibbs in July 2013 encouraging opposition

# Where Do We (MoRAST) Go From Here?



# What Can MoRAST Do?

Support letter on Missouri River Recovery Management Plan

- in letter, detail what should be studied
- comment period for scoping ends Oct. 18

Lobby to reinstate funding for MRAPS AND MRERP

# What Can MoRAST Do?

## USACE Reallocation Study, Surplus Water Reports and Rulemaking Effort

- Letter(s) from MoRAST Board of Directors pointing out:
  - State Primacy – authority of each State over the allocation and administration of the use of surface water within their own state boundaries
  - Tribal Reserved Water Rights

# What Can MoRAST Do?

- Ensure storage capacity and stored water are two separate distinctions
- Ensure natural flows are not considered surplus or stored water
- Ensure broad state input and dialogue on study and proposed rule

Other ideas?????

Questions??

