# National Hydrography Dataset Applications for Water Administration

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#### **Presentation Goals**

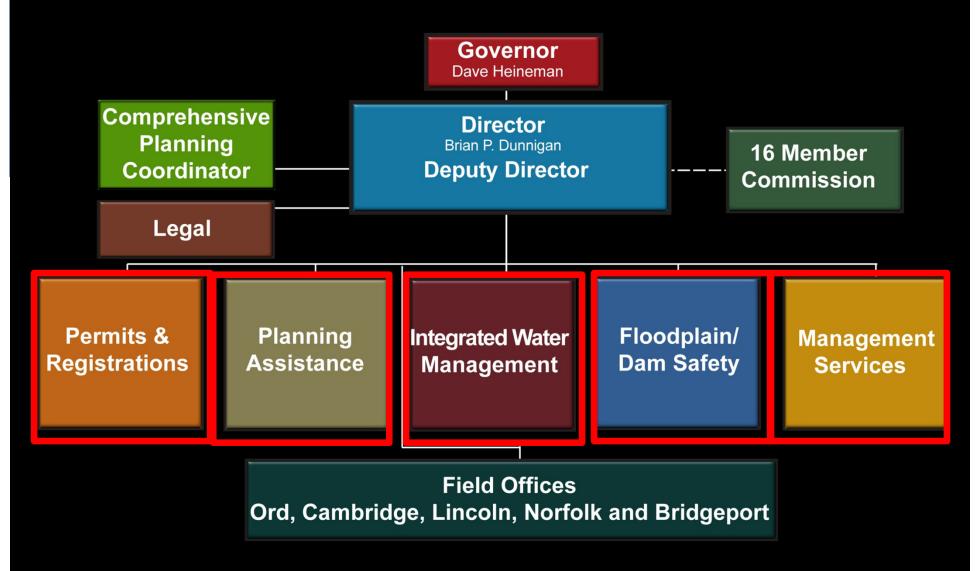
- Nebraska NHD History
- Overview of NHD
- Introduce Navigation and Addressing
- Addressing Issues
- Demos
- Trials and Tribulations
- \*Caveats

#### Nebraska NHD History

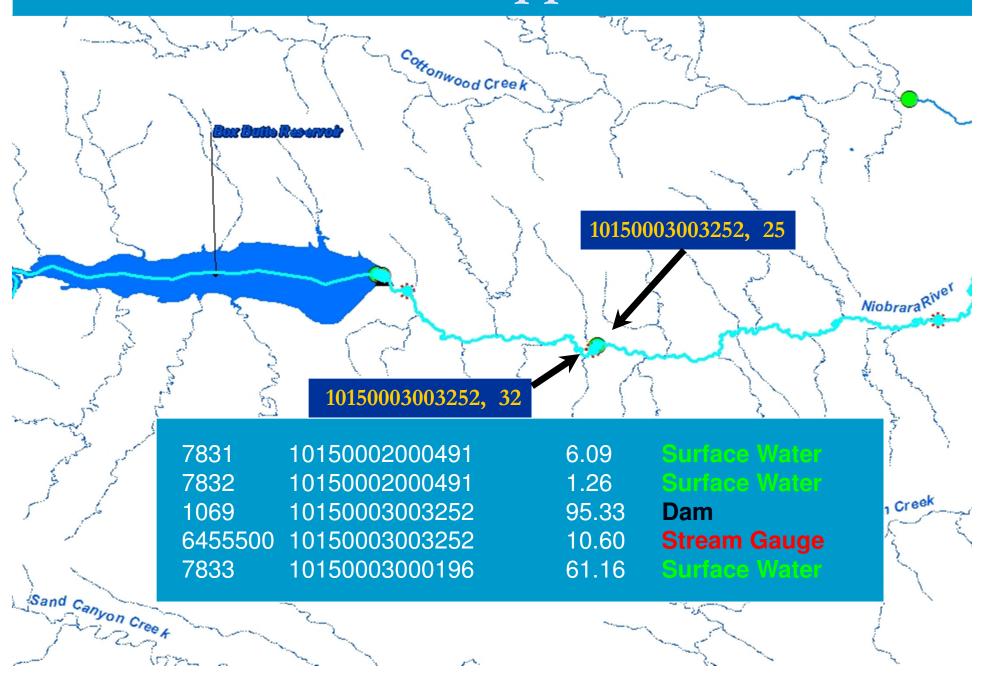
- 1999, Nebraska GIS Steering Committee
  - · Floodplain Mapping (NRC)
  - Water Rights (DWR)
  - · Dam Safety Program (DWR)
  - · Interstate Compact Administration (NRC)
  - · Watershed Planning (NRC)
- 2000-2001 Logan Creek Pilot
- Development 2001-2006
- Maintenance 2006-ongoing
- Application development new and ongoing

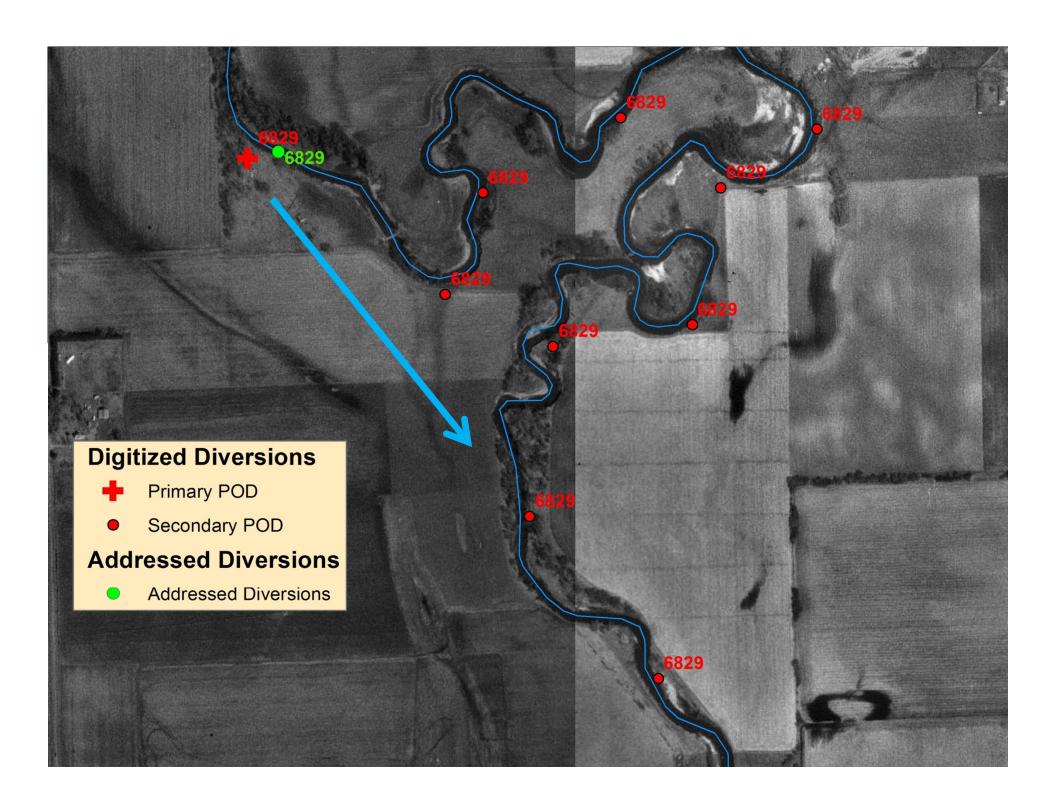


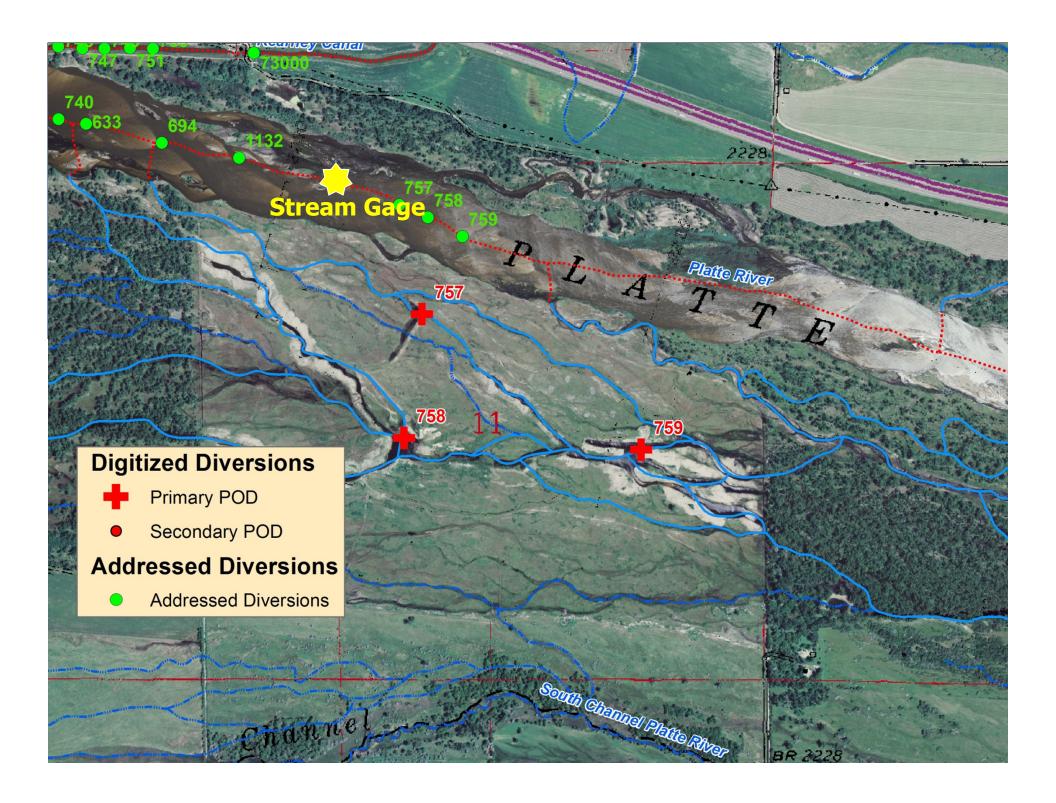
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#### NHD Supports:







#### Water Administration

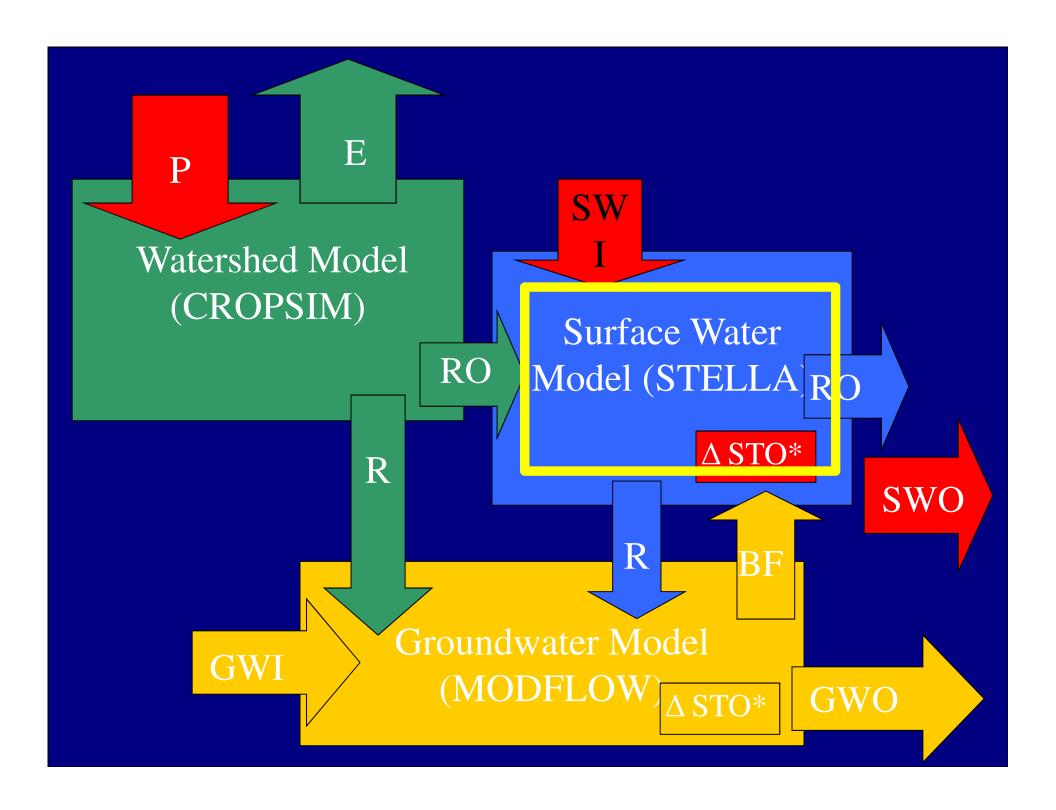
- Time Doctrine of Prior Appropriation
  - ...those with earliest priority dates have the right to the use of that amount of water over others with later priority dates.
- Space River Location
  - Downstream Order —a number that defines the relative hydrologic position of a feature (diversion) on a stream network in a downstream direction

#### Navigation Options:

- Geometric Network Queries
  - Water Rights Demo
- FlowTable Queries

**Direction** FromCOM ID ToCOM ID 1234567891 1234567890 1234567892 1234567891

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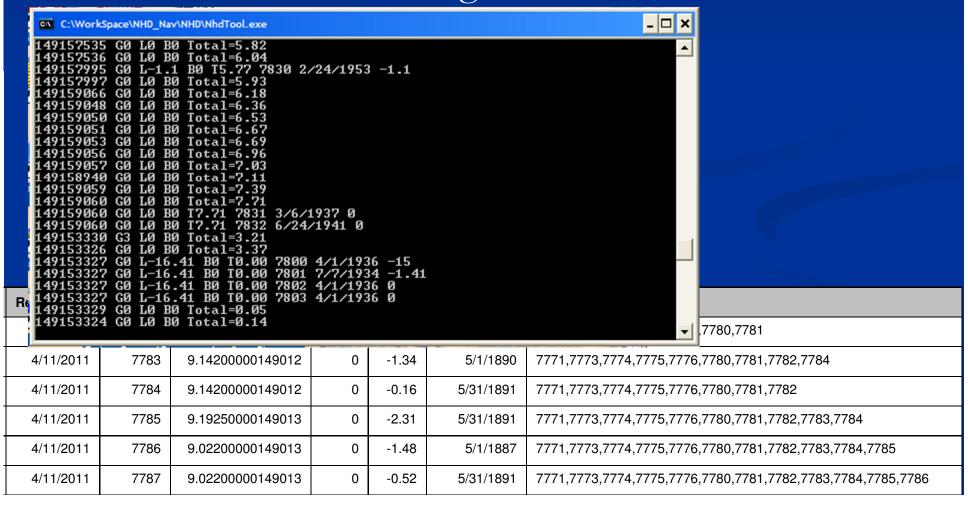


#### NHD Surface Water Model

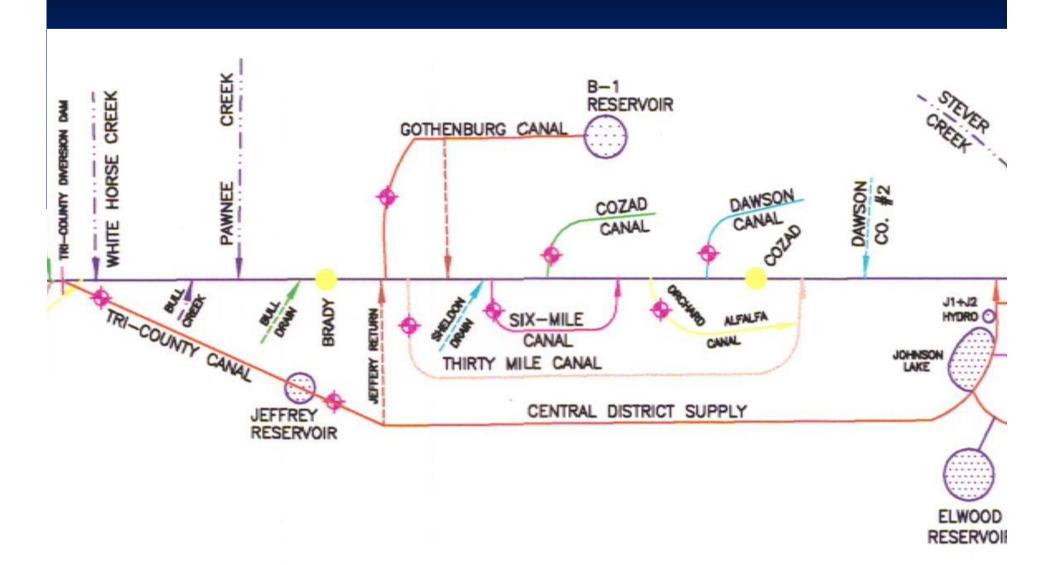
- Input events
- Reach gains and losses
- Withdrawals for irrigation
- Water administration
- Reservoir operations and canal returns
- Incorporate stream gauges

#### Model Outputs

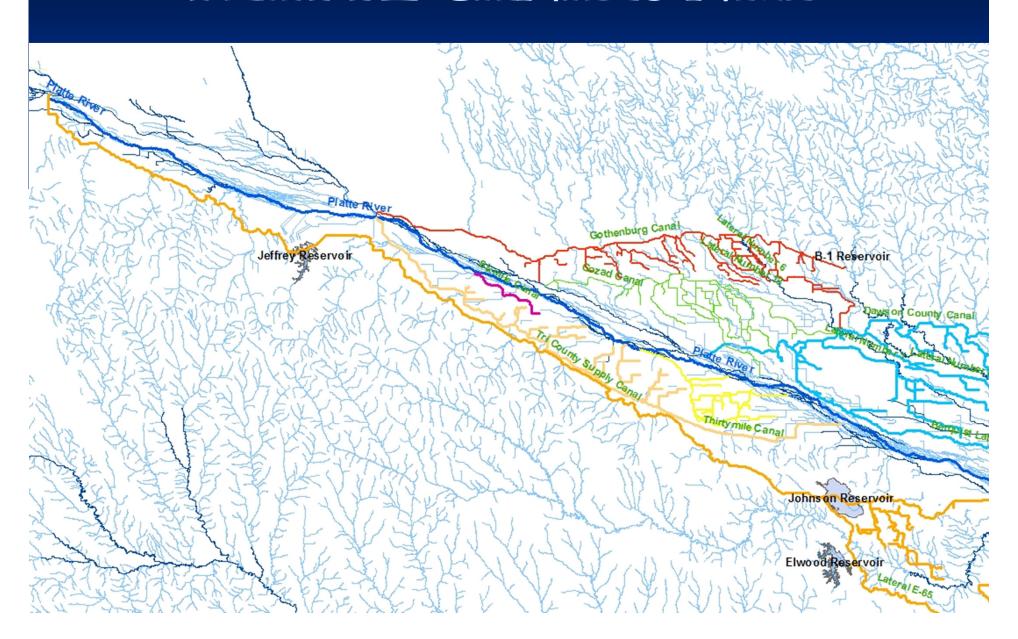
- Running account of flow by feature
- Downstream senior rights



#### PLATTE CANALS



#### PLATTE CANALS NHD



## NHD MAINTENANCE FOR MODELLING APPLICATIONS:

- Selectively disable features
- Value Added Attributes
  - Stream level
  - Level path
  - Hydrographic sequence
  - Strahler stream order
  - Terminal path ID
  - Divergence flag
  - **...**

### Conclusion: NHD has the potential to facilitate water administration

- Design of the NHD supports water administration applications
- NHD accuracy and integrity is continuously improving
- Technology and experience with NHD is maturing

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