

**STELLA Model Version Summary**

Appendix 6-H contains a summary of STELLA model descriptions and major adjustments made during calibration for each version, ending with the current version.

| <b>Stella Model Version Summary</b> |                  |  |
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| Run No.                             | Date             | Comments   |
| 1-4                                 | 2010 – Dec. 2012 | Various modifications between 2010 and 2012  |
| 5                                   | Dec. 6, 2012     | -Lake McConaughy minimum storage set to 80,000 AF<br>-Johnson Lake minimum storage set to 37,235 AF (or EL. 2,616)<br>-Operational modifications made to prepare for 40 year simulation run  |
| 6                                   | Dec. 23, 2012    | -Added scenario capabilities (i.e. varying inflows, irrigation demands, and runoff)<br>-Finished operational modifications for 40 year simulation.   |
| 7                                   | Jan. 11, 2013    | -Updated J2 Return historic data (obtained from CNPPID)<br>-Korty Canal Diversion<br>-Modified diversion rule so that a minimum of 100 cfs bypasses the Korty Canal Diversion 150 cfs rule. (see above)<br>-Removed Keystone Canal losses from Sutherland Canal capacity check<br>-Sutherland Reservoir Evaporation – set to maximum of 40 cfs<br>-Anecdotal baseflow<br>-Added knobs to vary the values<br>-Added capability to have different anecdotal RGL during July (assumed 0 cfs baseflow in July for this run)<br>-Adjusted irrigation demands<br>-July --> 50%<br>-August --> 35.9%<br>-CNPPID Supply Canal losses - changed to vary by diversion amount |
| 8                                   | Feb. 4, 2013     | -Set E67 seepage to zero after 2001<br>-Disconnected historic tributary gage data not included in historic RGL calcs (i.e. Grand Island to Duncan)   |
| 9                                   | Feb. 5, 2013     | -Set E67 evaporation/seepage to zero after 2001<br>-Changed E65 diversion capacity to 350 cfs<br>-Elwood Reservoir outflow set to supplement E65 Irrigation Demands instead of target operating curve outflow<br>-Disconnected spill in Run 9. (Run 8 model had E65 spilling into Phelps Canal)  |
| 10                                  | Mar. 5, 2013     | -Modified CNPPID Supply Canal Seepage/Evaporation based on March 5, 2013 email from Cory Steinke<br>-Lake McConaughy “Dry” condition threshold changed from 956,000 AF to 1,056,000 AF.  |

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| 11                                  | Mar. 6, 2013                | <p>-Added toggle knob to interface tab for Sutherland Reservoir Heat Induced Evaporation</p> <p>-Added threshold for Sutherland Reservoir seepage capacity to reflect reservoir seepage going to: (1) S. Platte River, or (2) GW recharge. (Not active in current model)</p> <p>-Central Platte Canals spill increased for Gothenburg, Cozad, Thirty-mile and Dawson County Canals. Six-mile and Orchard-Alfalfa Canals remain unchanged.</p>   |
| 12                                  | April 17, 2013              | -Modified rule for Elwood Reservoir fill to reflect the late season (fall) and early season (spring) reservoir fill from E65 canal.   |
| 13<br>(1950-2012)                   | April 9, 2014               | Extended Julesburg & Lewellen gage data back to 1947.   |
| 14                                  | April 13, 2015              | <p>Priority Accounting rule refinement.</p> <p>Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP) elements added to the model to represent two proposed PRRIP projects: 1) J2 regulating reservoir; and 2) Phelps Canal recharge project. (See Appendix 6-I for a technical memorandum documenting modeling efforts and results for this effort.)</p>   |
| 15                                  | October 2015-September 2016 | <p>-Modified the Sutherland Operating Curve to represent recent/future planned operations</p> <p>-Lake McConaughy Seepage fully integrated with GW model (computing SW/GW interaction)</p> <p>-New Watershed Monthly inputs; improved representation of seasonal variability and operational patterns throughout the irrigation season</p> <p>-Improvements in priority accounting for tracking natural flow and storage water</p> <p>-Sutherland Reservoir Seepage –seepage to the South Platte River are now represented using drains in the GW model</p> <p>-Modified the Kearney Canal Operating Curve to represent recent/future planned operations</p> <p>-Canal Seepage Adjustments (CNPPID) to refine seepage (spatial variation and rates) to better simulate historic GW levels</p> <p>-Model node simplification for preparation for GUI run. Eliminated hardcoded lookup nodes and put in new logic to better handle ability to change the simulation time frame (for future use).<br/>Extended all historic data back to 1947 and forward to 2010.</p> |