

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

FROM: Ian Ghanavati, Water Resources Engineer

SUBJECT: Renewal of USGS Maintenance Agreement for Papio Floodwarning System Gages

DATE: October 8, 2024

In 1993, the District worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to install a flood warning system for the Papillion Creek Watershed. The system was upgraded in 2012 and consists of 22 gage stations. 4 stations report rain data, 8 report rain and stream stage data and the remaining 10 stations report rain, stream stage, and discharge data. The attached map shows the location of the gages within the Papillion Creek Watershed. The data is reported real time and is available to the public through the National Weather Service (NWS) and USGS web sites. The address of the NWS website is <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=oax>. An agreement is in place with Douglas County, Sarpy County, Washington County and the City of Omaha to share the cost of the system.

The joint funding agreement for consideration is an annual renewal of the maintenance contract with the USGS for 2025 in the total amount of \$179,645. The USGS will cost share \$16,970 through their Cooperative Matching Funds and \$19,990 through the Federal Priority Streamgages Program. The District cost share totals \$142,685 for operation and maintenance of the gages. In comparison, in 2024, the District contribution was \$137,450 for gage operation and maintenance. Table 1 of the agreement is attached and provides a cost breakdown as well as the gage type and data collected for each site.

The quality data provided by USGS is valuable to NWS to improve forecasting and issuance of flood warnings in the Papio watershed and to the District for operation and monitoring of the Papio flood control systems. Each year the USGS works to record high flows and provide the District, and its partners improved data for rating curves (flow vs. stage) at each site. The NWS, USGS and the District continue to discuss upgrades to the system to better serve the agencies using the data as well as working to make the information more readily available to the public.

Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS in the amount of \$142,685 in District funds for the operation of the District's floodwarning system for 2025, subject to such other terms and conditions as the General Manager deems necessary and District Legal Counsel approves as to form.

Attachments: Floodwarning Gage Map, Cost Breakdown Table

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED

Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties, Nebraska

THE FLOOD CONTROL PLAN

Legend

 FLOOD WARNING GAGE

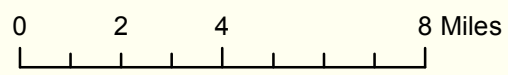
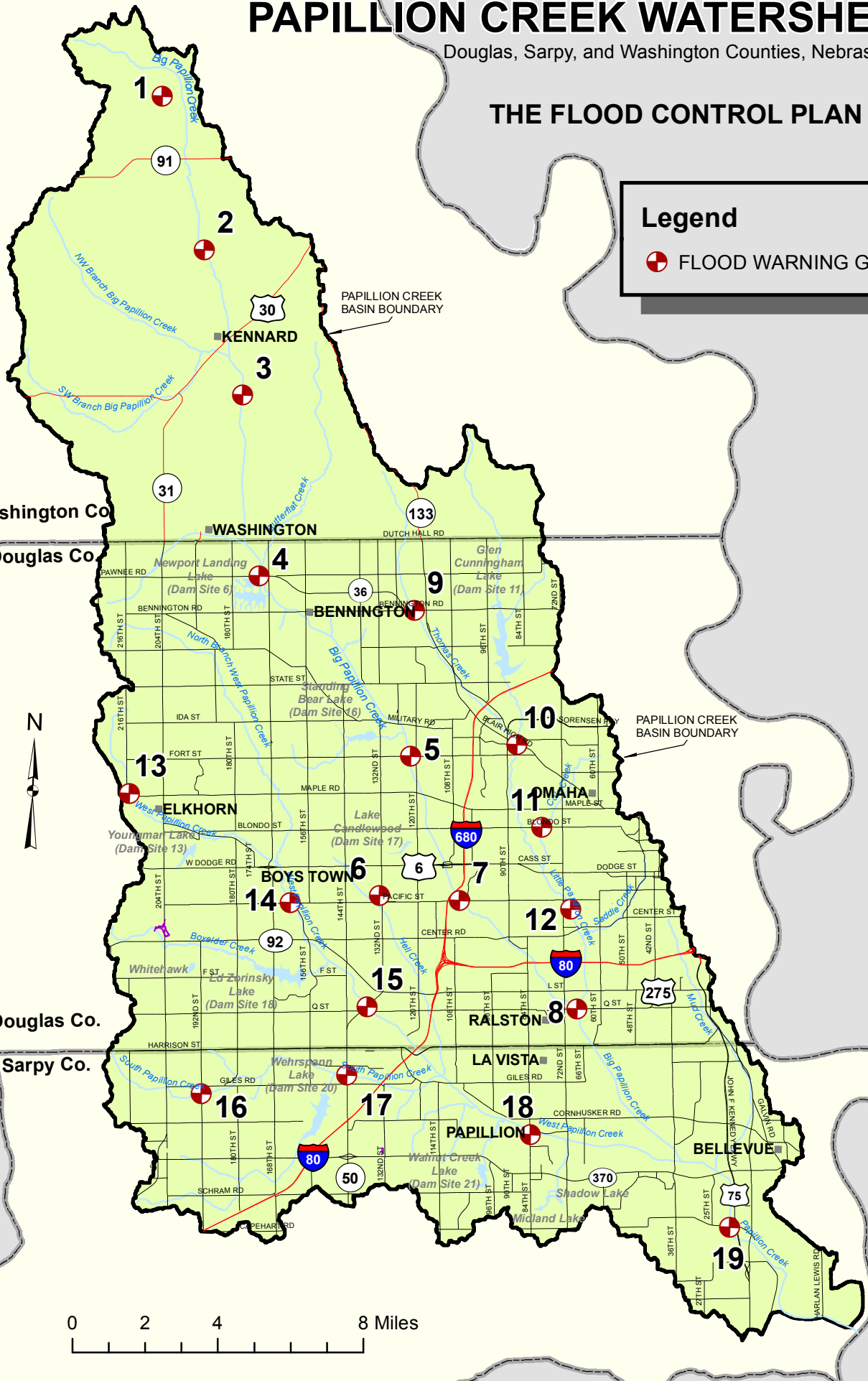


Table 1. Summary of proposed funding for operation of stream gages and rain stations supported by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and other partners for period October 1, 2024 -- September 30, 2025.

[CR, continuous-record; SR, seasonal-record (Mar. 1-Oct. 31); CMF, USGS, Cooperative matching funds; PMR NRD, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District; FPS, Federal Priority Streamgages Program; USGS, U.S. Geological Survey; Q, Discharge; ST, Stage; PR, Rain]

USGS Station number	PMR NRD Station Number	Station name	Funding				Gage type(s)	Data to be published	Footnote
			USGS CMF	PMR NRD	USGS FPS	Total			
06601000		Omaha Creek at Homer	\$0	\$10,160	\$6,400	\$16,560	CR - 12 month: Q, ST	Annual daily Q and ST for Oct. 1-Sept. 30.	a
413403096135001	1	Rain gage near Orum	\$290	\$1,520		\$1,810	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): PR	Rain data collected, not published.	
06610705	2	Big Papillion Creek near Blair	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610710	3	Big Papillion Creek near Kennard	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610720	4	Big Papillion Creek near Bennington	\$1,705	\$10,210		\$11,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): Q, ST, PR	Daily Q and ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610732	5	Big Papillion Creek at Fort Street at Omaha	\$0	\$7,215	\$4,700	\$11,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): Q, ST, PR	Daily Q and ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	a
411504096071601	6	Rain Gage at Boys Town at Omaha	\$290	\$1,520		\$1,810	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): PR	Rain data collected, not published.	
06610740	7	Big Papillion Creek at Pacific St at Omaha	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610742	9	Thomas Creek near Bennington	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610750	10	Little Papillion Creek near Irvington	\$0	\$9,450	\$2,465	\$11,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): Q, ST, PR	Daily Q and ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	a
06610760	11	Cole Creek at Blondo Street at Omaha	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610765	12	Little Papillion Creek at Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha	\$1,705	\$10,210		\$11,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): Q, ST, PR	Daily Q and ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610770	8	Big Papillion Creek at Q Street at Omaha	\$3,350	\$13,210		\$16,560	CR - 12 month: Q, ST; SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): PR	Annual daily Q and ST for Oct. 1-Sept. 30. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610773	13	West Papillion Creek at Elkhorn	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610780	14	West Papillion Creek at Pacific St at Omaha	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610785	15	West Papillion Creek at Millard	\$1,705	\$10,210		\$11,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): Q, ST, PR	Daily Q and ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610786	16	South Papillion Creek near Gretna	\$705	\$4,210		\$4,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): ST, PR	ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610788	17	South Papillion Creek at Chalco	\$1,705	\$10,210		\$11,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): Q, ST, PR	Daily Q and ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	
06610793	18	(West) Papillion Creek at Papillion	\$0	\$9,450	\$2,465	\$11,915	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): Q, ST, PR	Daily Q and ST for Mar. 1 - Oct. 31. Rain data collected, not published.	a
06610795	19	Papillion Creek at Fort Crook	\$0	\$12,600	\$3,960	\$16,560	CR - 12 month: Q, ST; SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): PR	Annual daily Q and ST for Oct. 1-Sept. 30. Rain data collected, not published.	a
411232095584201	20	Rain Gage at Hitchcock Park at Omaha	\$290	\$1,520		\$1,810	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): PR	Rain data collected, not published.	
411701095570601	21	Rain Gage at City Maintenance Shop at Omaha	\$290	\$1,520		\$1,810	SR - 8 month (Mar. 1 - Oct. 31): PR	Rain data collected, not published.	
Funding partner totals			\$16,970	\$142,685	\$19,990	\$179,645			

a USGS FPS funds used in place of CMF as match with PMR NRD