

Republican River Basin-Wide Plan Coordination Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District – 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, NE

Attendance

Mike Clements (LRNRD)	Carol Flaute (NeDNR)	Tatiana Height (NeDNR)
Scott Dicke (LRNRD)	Jennifer Schellpeper (NeDNR)	Karen Griffin (Olsson)
Nate Jenkins (URNRD)	Amy Zoller (NeDNR)	Patti Banks (Olsson)
John Thorburn (TBNRD)	Jeff Fassett (NeDNR)	

The meeting opened with a synopsis of the October 10th accounting forecast. At this time, there has yet to be a formal water request by Kansas. There should be more information on forecasted needs at the next “3-states meeting” on October 27th. It was also announced that the annual forecast meeting will be held on November 14th.

The group reviewed the map of the geographic area discussed during the September coordination meeting. (Changes were suggested to make the legend more accurate and less redundant, fix spelling errors, and, show only one graph, and add additional surface water data). There was discussion of the plan area legal opinion. The legal opinion document will be shared with the plan area map, at the November stakeholder meeting. The group then reviewed the rationale which led to the plan area proposal.

The next topic of discussion was the draft goals and objectives from the consent agenda. The NRD managers agreed that the goals and objectives appear to capture what the stakeholders have been saying. The wording of the fourth goal was refined. NRD managers were asked to review the goals more closely and send back feedback as soon as possible.

The draft water management actions handout was reviewed. It will be distributed at the stakeholder meeting. NeDNR requested any edits be submitted before the stakeholder meeting. NRD managers will be able to answer any questions regarding their management actions but only Brad Edgerton plans to give a presentation. His presentation will likely occur at the January stakeholder meeting.

There was a review of stakeholder meeting agenda. It was suggested that a sample plan table of contents be presented at the November stakeholder meeting.

The next Republican River Basin-Wide Plan coordination meeting will be held Monday December 12, 2016.