

Republican River Basin-Wide Plan February Coordination Meeting Notes

*Tuesday, February, 2017 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Via Conference Call*

Attendance

Scott Dicke (LRNRD)	Jennifer Schellpeper (NeDNR)	Jeff Fassett (NeDNR)
Nate Jenkins (URNRD)	Jack Russell (MRNRD)	Amy Zoller (NeDNR)
John Thorburn (TBNRD)	Sylvia Johnson (MRNRD)	Mike Clements (LRNRD)
Carol Flaute (NeDNR)	Tatiana Height (NeDNR)	

The meeting opened with a discussion of the extension for the Republican River Basin-wide Plan. The group discussed what an appropriate extension length would be and when the extension letters need to be exchanged. It was decided that a one year extension would be appropriate as the stakeholder group has stated that they would like to conclude the meeting process in summer 2017 and the group would like to keep with the stakeholders' requested schedule as closely as possible. A one year extension will leave 8 months to hold hearings and other administrative plan requirements. Up to one more year can be extended later, if needed.

The group then reviewed the March stakeholder meeting agenda. It is basically the agenda for the postponed January stakeholder meeting except for the updated meeting date. It requested that one of the NRD managers provide an update on the Platte-Republican diversion feasibility study at the March meeting. Additionally, the group decided to add a component to the "Water User Needs" discussion about what the role of a basin-wide plan is.

The next topic of discussion was stakeholder data requests. The group reviewed a list of items being developed for stakeholder data and information packet. The items on the list will be posted to the plan's website and the stakeholders will be notified via email.

The group closed the meeting with a brief discussion of the January management letter and new RRCA resolutions. It was decided that discussions should take place later this year regarding what changes and updates need to be made to the IMPs.

The next Republican River Basin-Wide Plan coordination meeting will be held Tuesday April 18, 2017.