

<b>Goal 1: Maintain Nebraska’s compliance with the Republican River Compact and applicable state laws</b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
1.1. Coordinate basin-wide plan management actions with Nebraska’s Compact compliance efforts and adherence to applicable state laws	1.1.1. Review each basin-wide plan management action prior to implementation to ensure it does not negatively impact efforts to achieve Compact compliance in the most efficient and cost-effective way practicable while adhering to state laws
	1.1.2. Implement appropriate offsets for any basin-wide plan action that would exceed Nebraska’s allocation under the Compact
1.2. Understand the effects of management actions for Compact compliance on water supplies for Nebraska’s water users	1.2.1. Qualitatively evaluate the net effect on water supplies of any management actions that are taken for Compact compliance
1.3. Assess progress toward meeting the goals and objectives of the Plan, and share the results of this assessment with the Public and the Nebraska Legislature	1.3.1. Within five years after the adoption of this Plan, and every five years thereafter, conduct a technical analysis of the actions taken to determine the progress toward meeting the goals and objectives of the Plan
	1.3.2. Evaluate progress toward each of the Plan’s measurable hydrologic objectives at the intermediate dates specified in the Plan for each one
	1.3.3. Following each five-year technical analysis (Action Item 1.3.1), share the results of the analysis and any recommended Plan modifications with the public
	1.3.4. Following each five-year technical analysis (Action Item 1.3.1), submit a report to the Legislature of the results of the analysis and progress made under the Plan

<b>Goal 2: Maximize Nebraska’s efficient and beneficial consumptive use of its portion of the water supply, increase certainty for long-range planning of water supplies to reduce the need for regulatory actions, and increase collaborative efforts among water management entities and stakeholders across the Basin</b>	
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2.1. Understand the feasibility and potential impacts of Plan actions and establish a standard procedure for projects	2.1.1. For each planned new water management project in the Plan, evaluate hydrologic and regulatory feasibility and potential economic and environmental impacts
	2.1.2. For each project evaluated in accordance with Action Item 2.1.1 in a given year, include a summary of the evaluation in the Annual Report of that year’s activities
	2.1.3. For projects that are feasible and beneficial, apply for necessary permits, establish new or utilize existing infrastructure, then begin operations
2.2. Improve the efficiency of use, availability, and reliability of water supplies for current irrigators	2.2.1. Work with irrigation districts and individual groundwater and surface water irrigators to improve the efficiency of the Basin’s surface water delivery systems and irrigation water use, when it is both feasible and beneficial to Nebraska’s Compact accounting balance
	2.2.2. Participate in projects to improve the reliability, availability, and sustainability of water supplies in the Basin, which may include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Voluntary reduction of irrigated acres (temporary or permanent)</li> <li>b. Interbasin transfers</li> <li>c. Conjunctive management projects such as aquifer recharge or streamflow augmentation</li> </ul>
2.3. Provide opportunities for collaboration among the Basin’s water users	2.3.1. Hold an annual public meeting to discuss Plan implementation and exchange information about the Basin
	2.3.2. Work cooperatively to investigate and address conflicts between water users resulting from implementation of this Plan by following the procedures for addressing conflicts that are outlined in this Plan
2.4. Promote conservation programs available to the water users in the Basin	2.4.1. Work together to identify, investigate, and discuss existing and potential new water conservation programs
	2.4.2. Collaborate to promote conservation program opportunities to the Basin’s water users
2.5. Understand how various water management activities of independent decision-makers affect water supplies	2.5.1. Study the effects of conservation practices on streamflow, if feasible
	2.5.2. Periodically analyze the future impacts to streamflow of past pumping to determine the lag time of these residual impacts

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	2.5.3. Examine and attempt to estimate the quantity of all inputs and outputs affecting the water supply balance in a small watershed, and consider using the results of this pilot study to create water use and land use guidelines for producers and other land managers, incentivize participation in recommended practices, and determine the value of completing similar studies across the Basin
2.6. Evaluate the feasibility and potential outcomes of establishing water markets in the Basin	2.6.1. Cooperate in determining the feasibility of water markets in the Basin
	2.6.2. Following the water markets feasibility analysis (Action Item 2.6.1), test conclusions through implementation of a water market program in a pilot area, if feasible
2.7. Support the NRDs in management of allocations for irrigation purposes and surface water irrigation districts in management of the allotment of their water supply	2.7.1. Periodically evaluate, as part of each five-year technical review, the impact of the groundwater allocation and surface water allotment systems as a whole
	2.7.2. As needed, based on the evaluation described in Objective 2.7.1, recommend changes or improvements to the groundwater allocation and/or surface water allotment systems
2.8. Conserve water for future use during a drought	2.8.1. Organize and participate in a basin-wide drought planning exercise
	2.8.2. Following the drought planning exercise (Objective 2.8.1) evaluate whether to recommend any changes to the IMPs or this Plan related to conservation of water for future use during a drought

<b>Goal 3: Positive public relations, including information sharing, within and outside the Basin</b>	
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3.1. Improve information sharing with decision-makers and the public about solutions formed within the Basin	3.1.1. Use existing resources to share information about Basin progress and activities with outside entities
	3.1.2. Educate civic leaders and the public on implementation efforts within the Basin
	3.1.3. Educate civic leaders and the public about the policies and institutional infrastructure that contribute to the development and implementation of solutions
	3.1.4. <a href="#">Propose and support changes to laws, policies, and rules that would incentivize reduced water consumption</a>
3.2. Improve information sharing with water users who are reliant on the Basin's water supplies	3.2.1. Share data and information related to the Republican River Compact with the public in an easily accessible, user-friendly format
	3.2.2. Annually prepare and exchange reports containing data and information about water supplies and uses in the Basin, and make these reports publically accessible
	3.2.3. Regularly communicate with the Plan's Stakeholder Advisory Committee about implementation progress and potential Plan revisions
	3.2.4. Encourage and support water users to share information about their management practice improvements with other water users and the public

<b>Goal 4: When possible, pursue projects that not only benefit water supplies and uses, but also create benefits for fish, wildlife, recreation, and conveyance within the Republican River Basin</b>	
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4.1. Where feasible and beneficial, protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and public outdoor recreational opportunities	4.1.1. Partner with wildlife-focused organizations on projects that benefit the organizations' habitat and wildlife interests while also helping to fulfill other goals of this Plan
	4.1.2. Promote public recreation on the river, when doing so can also help to fulfill other goals of this Plan
	4.1.3. Cooperate in projects to assess and restore riparian wetlands while also helping to fulfill other goals of this Plan
4.2. Where feasible and beneficial, reduce the effects of undesirable vegetation on water conveyance	4.2.1. Cooperate in removing undesirable vegetation impacting water conveyance and managing reinfestation