

Republican River Basin-Wide Plan

February Coordination Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District – 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, NE

Attendance

Todd Siel (LRNRD)	Jennifer Schellpeper (NeDNR)	Craig Scott (LRNRD)
Scott Dicke (LRNRD)	Jack Russell (MRNRD)	Sylvia Johnson (MRNRD)
Nate Jenkins (URNRD)	Jeff Fassett (NeDNR)	Jared Baker (Stakeholder)
John Thorburn (TBNRD)	Brian Harmon (NeDNR)	
Carol Flaute (NeDNR)	Patti Banks (Vireo)	

NeDNR checked with the NRDs to ensure that each NRD board was scheduled to discuss extending the deadline by one year to April 17, 2019, to allow time after stakeholder approval for the required public hearing and plan adoption process.

Jared Baker, a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, presented details on his proposal for the plan to include language to influence federal policies that affect agricultural water consumption, then NeDNR and the NRDs discussed how to incorporate language into the plan that encompassed Jared Baker's proposal. NeDNR and the NRDs discussed multiple sections of draft plan language: the Introduction, Goals and Objectives, Monitoring, Glossary, Local Hydrology appendix, Relevant History appendix, Watershed Management Proposal Materials appendix, Procedures to Address Conflicts appendix, Plan Process appendix, and Measurable Hydrologic Objectives sections. NRDs and NeDNR will continue to review and revise these and all other draft plan sections before the next stakeholder meeting.

NeDNR and the NRDs discussed changing the timeline of the upcoming meetings to ensure all sections of the plan would be completed far enough in advance of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting to allow stakeholders time to read the drafted plan in its entirety. NeDNR and NRDs agreed that moving the March 20th Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting to June would allow for adequate time.

Upcoming meetings include a NeDNR/NRD Coordination meeting on March 20, 2018, and a Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting on June 1, 2018.