

Republican River Basin-Wide Plan Coordination Meeting Notes

*Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District – 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, NE*

Attendance

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

NeDNR and the NRDs discussed their impressions of the August stakeholder meeting, which led to a discussion of the basin-wide planning area. After reviewing the legal opinion, stakeholder discussion at the August meeting, and the concerns and positions of each NRD's board, NeDNR and the NRDs drafted a description of the plan area that all could live with. This draft language will be discussed with stakeholders at the November stakeholder meeting.

The group then reviewed what was heard during the allocations discussion at the August stakeholder meeting. The group discussed that the role of the plan regarding allocations should be to support NRDs and irrigation districts in their decision-making through activities such as studies and monitoring. NeDNR and the NRDs discussed what such plan language would look like and began to draft language to reflect this role of basin-wide planning in supporting informed recommendations and decisions regarding allocations. Following discussions at this meeting, the group was concerned that the stakeholder's intent on allocations language in the plan had not been fully discussed and more stakeholder input was needed on this topic before proceeding with draft plan language.

The group closed by reviewing the draft agenda for the November stakeholder meeting and discussing the status of ongoing lawsuits within the Basin.