



**Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition
Technical Committee Kickoff Meeting
July 10, 2014, 10:00 to 1:00 P.M.
Offices of Lower Loup NRD
2620 Airport Rd, Ord, NE**

Meeting Summary

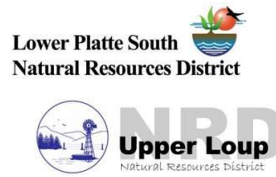
Invited: Jeff Henson (JEO), Curt Becker (LENRD), Jesse Bradley (NDNR), Russ Callan (LLNRD), Larry Angle (LPNNRD), Brandi Flyr (NDNR), Rick Wozniak (LENRD), Dick Ehrman (LPSNRD), Kyle Yrkoski (ULNRD), Brian Henkel (PMRNRD), Dan Schulz (LPSNRD), Dustin Wilcox (NARD), Tom Riley (UENRD), Russ Oakland (LPNNRD), John Engel (HDR), Simone Rock (HDR), Katie Hatfield Edstrom (HDR), Adam Rupe (JEO), Curt Becker (LENRD)

Present: Larry Angle (LPNNRD), Brian Henkel (PMRNRD), Taryn Serwatoski (PMRNRD), Dick Ehrman (LPSNRD), Adam Rupe (JEO), Dell Harris (LLNRD), Brandi Flyr (NDNR), Tom Riley (UENRD), Curt Becker (LENRD), Rick Wozniak (LENRD), Dustin Wilcox (NARD), Kyle Yrkoski (ULNRD), Tylr Naprstek (LLNRD), Russ Callan (LLNRD), Simone Rock (HDR), John Engel (HDR), Katie Hatfield Edstrom (HDR)

I. Administrative Items

- a. Role of the Technical Committee and its members: J. Engel described his perspective on what the role of the Technical Committee would be and what the responsibilities are of its members. The Committee will serve the Coalition as technical experts in water planning, basin water resources, and their District's activities; provide input to the planning process, act as a liaison between the committee and individual Districts; and provide recommendations to the Management Team.
- b. Ground rules for meetings: K. Hatfield Edstrom discussed the established ground rules for all meetings of the Coalition including the Coalition Board meetings, Management Team meetings and Technical Committee meetings. The rules are as follows:
 - Be willing to reach consensus.
 - Strive to meet the stated purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting.
 - Respect the agenda.
 - Listen actively to others.
 - No one-on-one side meetings or conversations.
 - Stay professional, not personal.
 - Manage your own input – no long speeches.
 - Do not interrupt other participants.
 - Leave the meeting with a clear sense of next steps.
 - Once consensus has been reached, support group decisions and actions.
- c. Selection of a Chair: The Committee agreed that co-chairs would provide flexibility for the chair. B. Henkel (PMRNRD) and R. Callan (LLNRD) were nominated and accepted as co-chairs of the Committee. Primary function of the co-chairs will be as spokesmen for the Technical Committee when briefing Coalition Board and Management Committees.

II. Review of the scope of work and project schedule: J. Engel provided a brief overview of the scope of work and project schedule. It was noted that the discussion regarding water banking may be moved up earlier in the process. The Committee noted that examples of water banking systems would help to clarify misconceptions of how water banking works. K. Hatfield Edstrom noted



that she would develop language for the website and provide links to resources to help educate the public and interested stakeholders.

III. Review and discussion of draft goals and objectives

- a. Review of comments from 6/13/2014 Coalition Board meeting: J. Engel provided an overview of the comments received at the Coalition Board meeting. It was noted that the meeting summary for the Board meeting provide a summary of the comments.
- b. A line by line review of the draft goals and objectives garnered input from the Committee regarding the members' interpretation of each objective and recommendations for the Management Team to consider. See Appendix A for a table of Goals, Objectives, Tech Committee interpretations, and recommendations for consideration by the Management Committee. Following Technical Committee comment, this table will be forwarded to Management Committee for review and comment and further discussed at the next Technical Committee meeting, where final recommendations to the Management Committee will be made.
- c. The Tech Committee agreed that a Glossary of Terms would be helpful to help avoid confusion.
- d. A discussion regarding how often the plan would be reviewed or updated. DNR suggested a review similar to that used in the IMP process.

IV. Current data collection/tool development efforts discussion by NRD and DNR: J. Engel led a discussion regarding the existing data collection efforts and tools used by the Districts. Members provided input and agreed to provide more detailed notes with an electronic distribution of the data collection table. J. Engel will send out to the Committee.

V. A summary of current controls in the basin was briefly discussed. Summary will be extended to include other controls within state, as well as western U.S. for discussion at the next meeting.

VI. Next meeting time and place: The Committee discussed locations for future Committee meetings. LLNRD and LENRD offered to host on alternating dates. It was agreed that all future meetings would be three hours and a working lunch will be included.

VII. Action items:

- a. HDR - Goals/Objectives Document will be sent to group for review.
- b. HDR – Data collection table will be sent to group for additional input.
- c. D. Ehrman – to send HDR flight plan and map for upcoming flight study.
- d. HDR – to begin glossary of terms for the Water Management Plan.
- e. HDR – to prepare water banking resources and education for discussion at next meeting and general public on the website.

VIII. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45pm.